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[*FROM OCTOBER 1752 TO DECEMBER 1753*]

N°. 1.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council of
Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 8th. July last sailed from hence the Bombay Castle Captain Thomas Browne, by whom We addressed your Honour &c^{a}. under date of the 6th. of that Month, which We hope has safely reached your hands.

The 18th. Ultimo anchored in Our Road a Snow, named the Johanna Maria from Batavia, having on Board David Hunter Esqr., who delivered Us a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors, wherein they are pleas'd to acquaint us, of their having appointed that Gentleman to an Important station, and directing us to shew him all the Honours, in our Power, which hath been Accordingly done, the Honble Company have also directed M^{r}. Thomas Combes to Embark for Fort S^{t}. George which he now does together with M^{r}. Hunter on this Vessell bought purposely by him for that Purpose.

Her Cargo hath been delivered here on their Honours account for which proper receipts have been given M^{r}. Hunter & which consisting of Salt Chiefly proved a very seasonable Supply and advantageous to their Honours, particulars as follows Viz^{t}.

	Coyn.	Bam^{s}.	
Salt	24	500	
Cotjongs	..	2850	Bam^{s}.
Callavances	..	2610	D^{o}.
Jack beans	..	3900	D^{o}.

The above Vessell and Cargo Cost M^{r}. Hunter Rix Dollars 6730 as ℘ Copy of his account which comes herewith.

As there is a probability of M^{r}. Combes returning again soon to this place We have therefore kept open the Residency of Moco Moco committing it in the meantime to the Care of Messrs. Thomas Cole William Norris Alexander Forbes & Robert Swinton the former Person to Continue at Ippoe.

I desire this para be referred to the Cons held the 19th & 20th Ultimo. J. Beach.

Receiving advice that by the Imprudent Conduct of the Young Sultan of Moco Moco some difference had happened there We immediately Ordered thither Lieutenant Gabbet with a Reinforcement of 10 Men which had so good an Effect that every thing seems to be reconcil'd and the Old Sultan having

Exhibited great Complaints against Mr. Joseph Gunn, We have thought proper to send for him up notwithstanding We are convinced his Highness is fully as much to blame.

Their Honours sloop Cuddalore being in such bad repair as to be uncapable of performing the services requisite without being sheathed or doubled neither of which can be done here we have therefore put her under the Charge of Messrs. Hunter and Combes in Order to have her properly repaired and then returned here again which We hope will meet with Your Honour &cs. approbation as her longer Continuance on this Coast in the Condition she is would probably have been attended with some Disaster.

In Our last We mentioned to Your Honour &ca. our suspending Mr. [Robert] Dunckley for a more explicit account of which transaction We beg leave to refer you to Consultations of April 13th. and May the 4th. and 19th. in those of July 13th. and 14th. you will please to Observe Our Proceedings in Regard to Captain John Hood whose Insolent Behaviour and audacity obliged Us in support of our Own authority to come to a Resolution of Continuing him under arrest till the Departure of the first ship for England and then to send him home with an impartial Relation of the whole affair to the Honble Company.

On the 4th. August returned Sloop Mary from Batavia and brought Us a small supply of Cordage and Rice.

We are sorry to acquaint Your Honour &ca. that by late advices We are apprehensive of a decrease this season in the Pepper of Anack Soongey so that We cannot flatter Ourselves with the hopes of obtaining a Larger surplus than We mentioned by the Brilliant to expect that is about 100 Tons.

August the 29th. arrived Our annual Storeship the Exeter Captain William Furnell having touched in his way at St. Helena & Batavia, by her We received 20 Chests of Treasure and a Supply of Military together with a few stores.

We directly called in all the Interest Notes and Discharged them and the Remainder of the Money shall disburse with the utmost Frugality but apprehend it will barely suffice to Maintain Our years Expence.

The Honble Company have advised Us of [their] appointing Fort St. George the Presidency and directed [us] accordingly to which as well as all their other Orders due Respect shall be shewn.

Their Honours have been pleased to Order Us a Supply of stores on the Prince of Wales to be forwarded from St. George and enjoined Us to apply for the same, We therefore now Earnestly request Your Honour &ca. will comply therewith by the first opportunity We being in the Greatest necessity for want of them Articles not having received any of those sortments by the Storeship.

The Exter is now just ready to sail for the Northern Ports to take in the Pepper there and are in hopes of Dispatching her with a full Loading before the Expiration of her Charterparty agreement.

Messrs. Samuel Ardley and William Norris Factors having the Honourable Companys Permission intend to Embrace the first Convenient Opportunity of Embarking for Madrass.

Being Greatly in want of an able Man for the Employ of Gunner We have procured one out of the Exeter well qualified for that Station, and entertained him on the usual Pay, and for whose Character We beg leave to refer you to David Hunter Esqr.

The following Persons having Requested to Deposite Money into their Honours Cash here and have Certificates for the same granted on the Presidency We have complyed therewith and beg you will please to Honour the

said [Deposits] $450 M^r^. John Massey pay to M^r^. Robt. Turing or Order P. 300.

$6000 M^r^. Thomas Combes pay to himself or [. . .]

FORT MARLBRO
OCT^R^. Y^E^. 7, 1752.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obed^t^. Hble. Servants
ROBERT HINDLEY.
JOHN MASSEY.
THOMAS COMBES.
JOHN BEACH.
ROBERT JACK.
WILLIAM SMITH.

POSTSCRIPT.

This being a Bye Vessell We have Judged proper to defer sending the Consultations till the Return of a ship Ordered hither by your Honour &c^a^. but for your satisfaction have Inclosed abstract of those where Captain Hoods affair is mentioned also Copy of a late Letter from him and our Reply thereto.

FORT MARLBRO JUNE 24TH 1752.

ABSTRACT OF A CONSULTATION HELD THIS DAY.

Present.

ROB^T^. HINDLEY ESQ^R^. DEPUTY GOV^R^.
JOHN MASSEY.
PERCIVAL SAY.
WILLIAM SMITH.

A complaint having been made by a Man lately discharged from the Military named Morris M^c^Nelly against Captn. John Hood for that having applied to him for his Discharge his contracted time being Expired, one was accordingly drawn Out, but which when he heard read, he refused to sign because it was there Mentioned, he had received his full cloathing and pay to that date, whereas $ 4100 much had been stopped from him, upon his Refusal, he says Captain Hood, Beat and forcibly caused him to sign the same against his Consent, and afterwards sent an Order, to bring him from his own habitation, and Confined him to the Cockhouse, where he was kept two days, without any Subsistence and not any body suffered to speak to him.

Captain Hood is now called up and Questioned why he Confined the Complainant, he says because he wanted to raise a Mutiny, being asked whether an officer could Confine a Man, who had received his Discharge, without Informing the Deputy Govr. especially in such an unprecedented manner, as had been done, by Ordering, that no Person Should go near him, by which means the poor fellow was in Confinem^t^. two days without any subsistence upon hearing this Question, he haughtily and arrogantly replyed (at the same time turning himself round, in a very contemptuous manner, and placing his arms in a strutting Posture, as if going away, or giving defiance, saying " I tell You I am a Soldier " which We looking upon as derogating from Our Authority. and an affront to the whole Board, he seeming to Intimate a Sort of Challenge to Us, It is Unanimously agreed, that he be Ordered under Arrest at his own House, his Behaviour not only in this Instance, but ever since he has been here, having been very Turbulent & Insolent.

ORDER'D that M^c^Nelly be directed to give his Complaint in Writing.

RICHARD WYATT
Sec^ry^.

FORT MARLBRO JULY THE 14TH, 1752.

ABSTRACT OF A CONSULTATION HELD THIS DAY.

Present.

ROBT. HINDLEY ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
JOHN MASSEY.
THOS. COMBES.
JOHN BEACH.
PERCIVAL SAY.
AND
WILLIAM SMITH.

Agreeable to Order of Yesterdays Consultation the Secry sent an Order in the Name of the Board to Captain Hood directing him to prepare himself for his Tryall tomorrow Morning to which he Returned an Answer, wherein he denies our authority for so doing wherefore it is Unanimously AGREED that Captain Morrisett and Adjutant Stodart be sent immediately to Demand his Commission given him by Us as well as all other Derived from the Honble Company 'tis also RESOLVED that he be ORDERED home on the next Storeship, when a full account of this Transaction shall be laid before their Honours.

ORDERED his letter be Entered after this Consultation, likewise our Order to him.

Captain Morrisett and Mr. Stodart being Returned acquaint Us they have been with Capt. Hood and delivered him our Message to which he reply'd He did not Chuse to deliver up His Commission, for if he did he should not have anything to shew the Court of Directors that he had been an Officer at this Place.

ORDERED he be Continued under Arrest, and Our aforesaid Resolution of sending him to England by the first ship be persued.

RICHARD WYATT,
Secry.

TO THE WORSHLL. ROBERT HINDLAY ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT MARLBROUGH &CA.
COUNCIL.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

The Ill State of Health I still Labour under obliges me to make further application to you in representing the same and soliciting your favour and leave for Liberty/the want of whereof has greatly impaired my health having great Reason to believe that a freer air with a Little Exercise would be very conducive to my Recovery, to set forth the manner & weak Condition I am in, I presume is needless Yet if you should have the least doubt of the Truth of what I mention that any Person who lives in the House can sufficiently convince you.

The great uncertainty I am in concerning the Reason of my Confinement obliges me to desire I may be acquainted therewith I have this Consolation to believe you cannot charge me with any Base mean or dishonourable action, I well Remember when before the Board I was accused of Confining a Man for two Days without Subsistence which Report was as Villanous as its Author and would have been in me an Action so contrary to my Usual Practice that I must have been out of my senses to have exercised such Cruelty, but even allowing that had been true can any one acquit themselves who confine a Man for a fault themselves are guilty of in a much higher degree Your Worship &ca. may perhaps have forgot that instead of two days I have been confined ever since the 25 June the greatest Part of which time I have been without any subsistence from my Honble Employers, and must have been drove to the greatest Extremities had it been so that I had not had a little money of my

Own to support me, If I am only suspended my Pay is my due and ought to have been sent me, if dismist your service what Right or authority can be Pretended to detain me a Prisoner, If I committed a fault when I declared I had done no more than my Duty and that I was an Officer was that sufficient for such cruel and arbitrary Proceedings as I have Reason to think has been used toward me by not allowing me that Liberty is Even allowed to the Enemies of my Country If I am only suspended I will not in the least deny Your Power and authority, for whatever has been done except the not giving me Pay and must now having no other Prospect of Recovering my health than by obtaing. my Liberty and Using the means as aforesaid, request Leave to be dismisst your Service, Your Worships &ca. answer and a favourable Complyance will Lay under an Obligation

Woshll. Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. Servant
John Hood.

Fort Marlbrõ
October ye. 6 1752.

To Captain John Hood.

Sir

Your Letter to the Governour and Council of the 6th. Instant has been laid before the Board to which I am directed to return this answer, that they are greatly surprized you should make a Plea of a bad State of health occasioned by Confinement, when every body is sensible of the Contrary by the Company that is Continually with you, they are no less astonished at Your pretending not to know the Reason of your being under arrest, when you was told at the same time you was called before the Board, and as to what you say concerning your being suspended or dismissed the Honble Companys service, you have before been duely advised of it by the message sent from the Governour and Council by Captn. Morrisett & adjutant Stodart, I am therefore only Just to acquaint you that the Gentlemen intend to continue you a Prisoner 'till the first ship goes for Europe when you will be Ordered on Board her, and for which Proceeding they will answer to the Honble Court of Directors.

Signed
By order of the Deputy Governour and Council

Richard Wyatt,
Secry.

Fort Marlbro
Octr. 8 1752.

To the Worshipful Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of
Fort Marlbro.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

As the Honourable the Court of Directors have been pleased to acquaint me that all my Expences are to be on their account from the time of my leaving St. Helena I beg leave to lay before you the state of them as they were, made necessary by my being Obliged to go to Batavia I Persuade myself You will have no objection to my being reimbursed here, I likewise beg leave to Lay before You the Invoice of a ship and her Cargoe which I purchased at Batavia for the Honble Companys Account the Cargo I have put into your Care to be disposed of for them, and the ship (being found convenient by Mr. Combes and me for the further Execution of the Honble Companys Commands) We shall take with us, but I do not make any Demands on you for the ship and Cargoe

because the Honble Court of Directors not foreseeing the necessity I was under did not provide me with Orders for what I have done, and shall therefore Refer myself to them and to the President and Council of Fort St. George to whom I Request those accounts may be transmitted by the first Convenient Occasion.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. humble servant
DAVID HUNTER.

FORT MARLBRO
THE 25TH. SEPTR. 1752.

AN ACCOUNT of Sundry Expences ℔ David Hunter on accompt of the Honble the East India Company.

To Payed Captain Fernell for the Passage of my self & servants to Batavia ..				$ 400	—	—
To Liquors for the Voyage..				100	—	—
To my Expences at Batavia and necessarys for my voyage from thence to Fort Morlbro ..				100	—	—
To Mr. Gardens Acct. of Sundry Expences on account the Ship.				815	2	40
To 10 Europeans who assisted in the Voyage from Batavia to this Place ..				91	—	—
To Captain Furnell for flour Butter &ct. at Batavia ..				47	—	—
To Liquors provided for the Voyage from hence Viz—						
20 Doz. Claret at 13 Do. ℔ Doz.	260	—	—			
20 Do. Lisbon at 7 Do.	140	—	—			
6 Do. of Mountain 7 Do.	42	—	—			
				442	—	—
				$ 1995	2	40

FORT MARLBRO Septr. 25th. 1752.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ DAVID HUNTER.

INVOICE of the Ship Johanna Maria and her Cargo Bought at Batavia for account the Honble the East India Company Vizt.

The ship with her Rigging, Masts, Sails Anchors Cables &ca.

Rix Dollrs.	5500	—	—
The Cargo Vizt.			
50 Coyans of salt at 10 R. D ℔ Coyan ..	500	—	—
6 Do. Dollars 45 ..	270	—	—
6 Do. Callavances 40 ..	240	—	—
5⅛ Do. Jarack 40 ..	220	—	—
Rix Dolls.	6730	—	—

FORT MARLBRO
Septr. 25 1752.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ DAVID HUNTER.

N°. 2.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R.
President and Governour &c^A. Council
of Fort S^T. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Letter to you went from hence by the Onslow under date of the 25th. March and We have since been favoured with Yours of 24 Octr. 1751. You acquaint us that the Charterparty Tonnage of the Britania for this Place was filled up by the President and Council of Fort William, and therefore could not send any thing by her, but that We might expect it by a Ship dispatched in January, which We hope will soon arrive.

We have received Sundry Goods by the Honourable Companys Ship Dragon, that arrived here the 23d. December last, and now desire that You will send us for the service of this Island for the Ensuing Year in Arrack and Rice.

The annual List of the arival and Departure of ships, at & from this Island comes herewith Enclosed.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Chas. Hutchinson.
David Hunter.
John Clark.

St. Helena
[ ]th. April 1752.

List of Ships Arrival and Departure to and from St. Helena from 1 April 1751 to the 10 April 1752 Vizt.

Ships.	Commandrs.	Arrival.	Departure.
A Dolph Frederick Sweed.	Petr. Peterson ..	1st. April 1751 ..	5 April 1751.
Stafford	Felix Baker	11 Do. Do. ..	24 Do. Do.
Machault French ..	Pallire Christy ..	15 Do. Do. ..	19 Do. Do.
Prince Edward ..	Robt. Haldane ..	29 Do. Do. ..	9 May do.
Crown Prce. of Denmark Dane.. ..	Hendrick Fester ..	2 May do. ...	9 May do.
Severn	Richd. Dorril ..	3 Do. do. ...	9 May do.
La Villeflix French ..	La Londe	3 Do. do. ...	9 May do.
Fyen Dane	Kneed Christr. Ytrecht..	3 Do. do. ...	9 May do.
Maurepas French ..	Beauregard ..	18 do. do. ..	28 do. do.
Walpole	Thos. Fea	19 May 1751 ..	31 do. do.
York	Edward Ward ..	19 May 1751 ..	31 do. do.
La Reine French ..	Place Lieure ..	19 May 1751 ..	31 do. do.
Diana French ..	Raucour	25 do. do. ..	4 June do.
Grantham	John Oliver	6 June do. ..	18 do. do.
Bristol French ..	Sangunet	9 do. do. ..	16 do. do.
Benjamin	Geoge Meard ..	9 do. do. ..	18 do. do.
Norfolk	Nathl. Hancook ..	17 do. do. ..	28 do do.
La Paix French ..	Derumel	17 do. do. ..	24 do. do.
Itchester	John Tedd	18 do. do. ..	29 do. do.
Warren	Alphonsus Glover ..	24 do. do. ...	10 July do.

Swallow		John Bell	26 Novr. 1751	3 Decr. 1751
Dragon		Henry Kent	23 Decr. do.	7 Jany. do.
Britania		John Somner	2d Feby. do.	26 Feb do.
Rouille French		De Sundenens Ernault.	2d Feby. do.	24 do. do.
Caesar		Mathew Court	23 Do. do.	15 March do.
Queen of Denmark Dane.		Jens Werner Ackerlay.	28 do. do.	10 Do. do.
Lord Anson		Chas. Foulis	1 March do.	13 do. do.
Vigilant	His Majestys ships.	Rosarior	3 do. do.	6 do. do.
Ruby		Knight		
Tartar Pink		Brett		
Siren		Mantle		
Onslow		Thomas Hinde	9 do. do.	22d. do. do.
True Briton		Henry Broadley	11 do. do.	
Essex		Geo : Jackson	17 do. do.	29 do. 1752.
Exeter		Willm. Fernell	29 do. 1752	..
St. George		Robt. Robinson	31 do. do.	
Duke of Parma French.		Dargue Dela Chatre	1 Apr. do.	4th. Apr. do.
London		Richd. Allwright	6 do. do.	..
Kent		George Willson	7 do. do.	..
Anson		John Ramsey	10 do. do.	..

Francis Wrangham,
Secry.

No. 3.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favours of the 15th. Ultimo & 6 Instant have been duely received The Bill of Exchange for Pags. (5000) Five thousand Drawn on Buckanjee Cashedoss's House at Metchlepatam which Your Honour &ca. Enclosed to me, I have sent thither for Payment and shall give the Presidency Credit for the same, in the Manner you direct.

The Weather being to all appearance settled I now dispatch the George Sloop with a Lading of 350 Bales Callicoes (all Cured) on account and Risque of the Honble Company amounting to Pagodas (23274 12 61) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed, The remaining being 50 will wait on you in a few days by another Conveyance.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
28th. Decr. 1752.

No. 4.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address to you was to accompany Our Consultations for November this serves to forward the accounts of this Settlement for that Month Those of the Nabobs and Kings stores are preparing agreeable to your Directions, but being very long are not Yet wrote out fair but shall be finished with all haste, and sent up to you in a few days without fail.

Your favour of the 22d. We have duely received Enclosing two Bills of Exchange for 60,000 Rups. for which We shall give You due Credit.

In regard to the Colchester We cannot Give your Honour &c. any possitive answer, whether she will be in a Condition to sail for Europe this Month or not The Carpenters Work goes on very well, but to this Moment We have not been able to find out her Leak, as it has been Impossible to get divers, untill within this ten days past every one of them Except one being gone to the Pearl Fishery, and him whom We now have, could not get on Board thro' the badness of the Weather as it has been Impossible for a Boat to go off The moment it is Practicable We shall set him Diving and hope in a day or two that Obstacle will be removed to the Captains not giving in his Possitive answer, the which We shall no sooner receive, but We shall immediately forward to you.

The Colchesters putting in here the beginning of November, at the time when it was usual for the Boats to be repaired, kept them out in bringing ashore the Bales, untill they were too bad for further service, without mending This has occasioned the Rest of her Cargo not being landed as yet, but as they are beginning to put the Chelingas into the Water again, a very [. . .] required for Landing the whole Quantity, but that Your Honour &ct. may know how much Cloth We have, at the Foot of this Letter We annex the List as well of our Own as of the Colchesters. We can assure You of between 5 or 600 Bales from this settlemt. by the End of this Month.

We have applyed to Captain Mainwaring for the 12 Barrels of Gunpowder agreeable to Your Directions, in answer to which, he acquaints Us that not being Certain, whether he is to Proceed to Europe or Remain in the Country, he cannot resolve Us, how much he can spare as Yet.

We now enclose Your Honour &ca. a Copy of a Letter, the Deputy Governour received from Mr. Dupleix in answer to Our Protest.

Our Board having taken into Consideration by Your Permission the Circumstances of the Seapoys Children whose Fathers have been lately killed in action, We have come to a Resolution of allowing each Family 3 Rupees ℔ Month which We hope will meet your Honour &cs. approbation.

We are now to Request a further supply of as many small arms as you can possibly spare, for tho' We are Constantly repairing, and that You have sent Us lately one hundred, Major Lawrence says he is in immediate want of Double that Number, our Stock of Musquet Flints being Just out We likewise beg Your Honour &ct. will please to send us 20,000 Pistoll ones We still have a sufficient Quantity of.

Our Storekeeper has delivered Us in a list of Stores delivered out at Sundry times to the Steward and for other Uses which have never been brought to any account, and as they have stood on the Books for a long time and several of them been used and others not to be found We request you will favour us with your Orders in what Manner We shall bring them to account.

We now draw upon Your Honour &c^t^. one set of Bill of Exchange Viz^t^.
for fifteen thousand Arcot Arcot [*sic*] Rupees reced here of Mr. Dawsonne Drake. } AR^s^. 15,000.
the same made payable to Henry^r^ Powney Esqr. Or Order at five days sight.

We now Enclose the Imp. Wareh^o^ keepers Indent which We have an immediate Occasion for, as having nothing Left of several of the Particulars mention'd therein.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
JANUARY 3, 1753.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants

RICH^D^. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DONSONNE DRAKE.
ROB^T^. SLOPER.
PETER S^T^. PAUL.

At the Beaters	330
At the Washers	61
At the Dyers	22
Embaled	102
	515
from Ship Colchester in the Wareh^o^. of Several sorts ...	170
D^o^. Reembaled not damaged	175
at the Washers	651
	996
Reming. still on Board	504
Bales ...	1500

A L' HONORABLE MONSIEUR

RICH^D^. STARKE ECUIJER, DEPUTÉ' GOVERNOUR
du FORT S^T^. DAVID.

HONORABLE MONSIEUR

Ie reponds à la Lettre que vous vouseles donnó lapeine, Conjointement avec M^rs^. de votre Conseil d' Ecrire a Celuy Cyle 17 de passó, Jáy' etó obligó d' avoir recours aux Informations pour Me mettre aü fait de laplaintó que vous portós dans cette Lettre voicÿ Ce que le Commandant de nos Troupes má dit à Ce Sujet Qüaÿant Eu avis que trois oü qüatre Cents de vos Cipaÿes rodoient dans nos aldeós et ÿ faisoeint à Lòrdinaire le Pillage, qüil avoit fait añ detachement d une Vingtaine de Blanes avec deux Cents Cipaÿes pour leur donner la Chasse ; que Ce detachement n' avoit point trouvêle nombre indiquó mais Simplement une guinzaine d'homones quils avoit fait poursüivre parun Vingtaine du Siénne, quil en avoit tuó trois et pris un Fusil que Ces Pillards setoient enfin senfüire dans une aldóó ót qüils y avoit ete Süivis par nos

Gens que ÿavoit Pillé un peü du Grain sans aütre degat de leur part ét sen etoient revenus au Camp : Que Guand au Pavillon, Il návoit point lu Connoisanee qüon leüt tiré et qüil sén Informeroit pour le renvoÿer si le fait est vraÿe, agüoy le Commandant a Ajoute que lés Pavellonns deMahomet Alykan et les votre etoient sÿ semblable nestant la plupartquunpetit Morceaü de Toille Rouge quil etoit presque impossible de lés Distinguer à Cette declaration I' ajouteroit quel que reflection sur la Continue de votre Lettre dun Miserable Hameaü [. . . . . .] faites un Ville, et vous luÿ prodigüés des Ioyaux et argent, qué nÿ furent Jamais, et ny pouvoit etré ; mais L' Exageration est necessaire, it en faut faire ujage a fin de donnér plus de force a la protestation que Vous aves ajouté au bas de cette Lettre d'autant plus māl fondeé que Ionne vous avés pas refusé de reparerles torts sil ÿyen avoit Eu Dailleurs Comment Soutenir votre Conduite, ét Celles des Commandants de vos Troupes Sil ce nést en saisisant les plus Simples Bagatellis pour les presenter Commes des faits graves et dignes de L' attention du souverain dont vous vous serves du nom respectable mais Eclaire comme il lóst il s'caura been desinguer le vraye de L' Egageration et quelques Faites que vous puissies lui presenter, Il seront toujours Posterieure à L' Enllevement de notre Pavillon à Trevendaporum dont Moñso Floyer S'emparat aü Commencement de 1750 ; à Celuy du mesme Pavillon á Baour en Iuillet de la Mesme Année à L' Enlevement de Celuy que les Habitans Mirent à Virdachelum dans la Fausse Idée que vous le respecteries a L' Embracement d'une Novelle Aldêe que Ie formois avec la permission du Gouvernment aux Environ de Gingy ou le Pavillon du Roy flotoit Embracement qui fut fait et ordonné par le sieur Clives en sa Presence, sans Q'uune maison put Echaper ; a L' Emprisonnement de nos Troupes daus vos Colonies a la prise de Tervady et de Villeparou à l'attague de Gingy, Places dont nous sommes in possession depuis Longtems ét oü le Pavilton flotoil à L'allaque de nos Troupes a Vicribandit auxRavages de vos [. .] pes depais [. . .] et jusque a present sur toutes nos Jerres, mais Principale ment pendent quélles yontCampeés et quelles Sont Venus attaquer nos Troupes á Villanour, Cremam bakam et autres Lieux appartenent à la Compagnie, Elles se resentirent long temps lefurcurs que vos Troupes y ont Exercees à la prise de Covelon et de Chinguelpet par vos Troupes Sorties de Madrass et Commande par le St. Clives, et Enfin a plusieurs autres faites qui par leur nombre repeuvent sepresenter à Ma Memoire et quine sont pas moins graves qüe tout Ceux que Jevous rappelle et dont il vous Sera impossible de vous Discalper devant nos souverains respectives ou votre respect et le notre pour leur Pavillon Seront misen Parellelle Ils en seront les Juges Le Mien pour Celui de sa Majesté Brittannique est parfaitement prouvé dans les Lettres que vos Commandans de vos Troupes ont trouvé dans la Cossett du St. Kirjean Ie Souhaite q'uon les Produise Et Sans Entrer dans un nouvelle detail qui pourroit vous deplaire Ie me Contenteroit de vous dire que Ie disaprouvé Ce qui apü etre fait dans Ce hameau, que Jay donné ordre de rendre Ce q'uon y aura pu prendre à depauvres malhevreux qui sont digne de Compassion mais emmeme temps Iepense suivant guil móst presorit per les Traittés subsistans entre nos Soüverains, puis je Esperer que vous aurés povr les Habitans d' un Nombre Considerable de nos aldees que vous Gens ont detruite, brulés et savageés et ravagent Encors tous les Jours, les mesme Contés que vous Sont orden neés ainsy qua moy : pourrois je ajoütera cette Experance la restitution desplaces oü le Pavillon dü Roy Món Maitre à ete tire et Mesme Meprise par Vos Gues.

Au reste Je crois que vous ne me Croyés pas assés dépovrvue de bon Sens pour souffrir avec Indifference que notre Enemy à L'abry des Aldèes repandüe Ca et la Etoü vos avés arboreé votre Pavillon puisse ravager les notree et nous attaquer partout oü il lüy plaira sa Conduite et la notre nous dictent aü mieux Ceque nous devons faire : vous nepouvès Exiger de nous que les mesme Egards que vous aves Enpour tout les Endroits et Places oü vous aves trouvé le Pavillon de notre Souverain.

Jesuis avec bien de la Consideration.

HONORABLE MONSIEUR
Votre tres humble et tres
Obeisant Serviteur
DUPLEIX.

A PONDICHERRY
Le 21 de 10br. 1752.

(Translated from the French.)

TO THE HONBLE MR. RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR

I now answer the Letter You took the Trouble jointly with the Gentlemen of Your Council to write to the Council of this Place the 17th. Ultimo I have been obliged to have recourse to Inquirys to arrive at a true state of the Complaint you make in the said Letter. This is what the Commander of our Troops has informed me on that subject. That having received Intelligence, that three or four hundred of your seapoys were making incursions into our villages and Plundering them as usual, he thereupon detached about 20 white Men with two hundred seapoys to pursue them, this Detachment did not meet with the number they had been told of but only about Fifteen Men, whom he Ordered about twenty of his People to Pursue, they killed three of them and took one Musket. That these Pillagers at Length fled into a Village and were followed by our People who after Plundering it of a small Quantity of grain returned to Camp without doing any further Damage. That as to the Flag he knew nothing of its being Pulled down but that he will Enquire about it and send it back if the fact appears to be true, to which this Commander added that Mahomet Aly Cawns Colours and yours are so much alike being Chiefly all red that it was almost Impossible to destinguish them. To this Declaration I will add some Reflections on the further Contents of your Letter. Of a Miserable Village you make a Town, and bestow on it jewels and money which never were, or could be there, but Exageration is necessary to give a greater force to the Protest you make in the said Letter, the ground for which is so much the worse as you had not been Refused a Reparation of the Injurys, if any were Committed. Besides how can you support your Conduct and that of the Commanders of your Troops without seizing every trifling Circumstance and Representing them as matters of Consequence and worthy the attention of the Sovereign whose Respectable name you quote but he has too much penetration Not to distinguish truth from Exageration, and whatever Facts you may lay before him they will all be subsequent to the forcibly carrying away Our Flag at Trevendaparum which Mr. Floyer seized the beginning of 1750 to the taking the same Flag at Bahour in July of the same year. To the taking that which the Inhabitants hoisted at Verdachelam vainly Imagining it might Claim your Respect To the Burning a new Village which I had settled with Permission from the Government near Gingy where the Kings Flag was flying, and which was set on fire by order and in presence of Captain Clive nor did a single house Escape. To the Imprisoning our Troops in your Settlements. To the taking of Trivady and Villeparum. To the attack of Gingy, Places which We have long been in Possession of, and where the Flag was hoisted. To the attack on Our Troops at Vicrivandy. To the Ravages of Your Troops from the latter end of August to this time on Our Territorys but particularly when they Encamped there and attacked our Troops at Villanour Cremambakam and

other Places belonging to the Compy. they will long feel the Effects of the Fury of your Troops. To the taking of Covelon and Chingalaput by your Troops from Madrass Commanded by Mr. Clive, and in fine to divers other Facts too numerous to dwell on my Memory not less Important than those I have recounted, and from which You cannot exculpate yourselves to Our Respective Sovereigns, when your respect and Ours for their Flags shall be Compared. They will be able to Judge my Report Respect for his Britannick Majesty is fully Proved by the Letters which the Commanders of your Troops found in Mr. Kerjeans Box, I hope they will be produced and without Entering into a fresh Detail which might displease you I shall Content myself with saying I disapprove of what may have been done at that Village, that I have given Orders for Restoring what may have been taken from the poor Wretches who deserve Compassion but at the same time I think agreeable to what is Prescribed me by the Treaties subsisting between our Sovereigns. May I hope that you will shew such kindness, which both you and I are Ordered to do, to the Inhabitants of a Considerable Number of our Villages destroyed burnt and Plundered by Your People and which they still Continue to Ravage every day. To this hope, may I add the Restitution of the Places where the Flag of the King my Master has been pulled down and even dispised by Your People.

As to the Rest, I dont think you can Imagine me so void of Good sense, as to suffer with Indifference our Enemy under cover of the Villages where You have hoisted Your Flag dispersed here and there, to Ravage our Villages and attack Us wherever they Please. Their Conduct and Ours will dictate to Us what We should do. You cannot require of us any other Regard than that which You have shewn to all the Places where you found the Flag of our Sovereign hoisted.

I am with much Consideration
HONBLE SIR
Your most humble and most Obedt. Servant
DUPLEIX.

PONDICHERRY
21 DECEMBR. 1752.

Account of sundry Stores as yet not Charged but kept a memorandum off—

Delivered the troop—						
Europe Sadles 14	218	—	60			
Country do. 110	1407	11	32			
Pistol Cases & 580	62	—	—			
				1687	12	12
Delivered the Companys Boats—						
Grapnels 4 per 1 — 18	24	11	15			
Creepers 1 3	3	5	5			
				27	16	20
Delivd. MR. Conen for the use of the Gunroom—						
Hand Screws 2				13	23	10
Delivd. for the Smith's Yard—						
Anvils 5	90	7	34			
Files 30	1	9	20			
Rubber do. 8	2	1	54			
Hand Vices 24	8	25	60			
Standing do. 7	14	6	60			
				146	15	68
Delivd. for the carpenter's yard—						
Hand screws 28	26	32	46			
Frame do. 1	1	31	4			
				28	27	50

	CA.	MDS.	LB.						
Delivd. Mr. Pascal as Quarter Master—									
Hatchets 216				62	33	14			
Copper Kettles 78				147	35	6	210	32	20
Delivd. the Minister—									
Bibles 127				256	32	20			
Common Prayer books 139				175	12	60			
Church Plate 1 case				171	16	40	603	25	40
Delivd. the Engineer—									
Measuring Wheel 1							30	0	0
Drove to the Eastd. of the Fort—									
Redwood Piles ca 151 5							593	16	17
Delivd. Mr. Robt. Clive Steward—									
Pease	67	15	10	420	35	6			
Europe Beef	56	3	24½	163	3	7			
Ft. St. David do.	9	13	13	201	21	54			
Tranquebar	2	1	—	39	18	0			
Do. Pork	6	2	22	181	27	0			
Bengall Beef	9 Casks			275	31	71			
Tamerin	10904 lb.			54	16	46			
Tobacco	5627 lb.			168	31	16			
Wheat	6¾ Garce			844	21	0			
Brass and Copper ware—									
Copper	Ca 1	5	20¾	178	21	20			
Goods for Madagascar—									
Europe Beef	10 Casks			233	7	75	2762	18	55

INDENT of Goods wanting at Fort St. David—

Broad cloth fine—		
Scarlet superfine	4 Bales	
Scarlet fine	6 do.	
Green fine	2 do.	
Yellow fine	2 do.	
Purple blue fine	1 do.	
Deep blue fine	1 do.	
Superfine Black	½ do.	16½ Bales.
Broad cloth fine double colour—		
Green & Sea	3 Pieces	
Blue & do.	3 do.	6 Pieces.
Broad Cloth Aurora		10 Bales.
Broad Cloth Ordinary—		
Red	10 Bales	
Grass Green	3 do.	
Yellow	4 do.	17 Bales.
Velvets—		
Green	3 Pieces	
Black	3 do.	
White	3 do.	9 Pieces.

Perpetuanoes ordinary—		
Green	3 Bales	
Orange Colour	1 do.	
Yellow	1 do.	
		5 Bales.
Imbossed Cloth Carpets		60 Pieces.
Shales		30 Do.
Camblet Red		10 Pieces
Broglious—		
Red	10 Pieces	
Green	10 do.	
		20 Pieces.
Shalloons—		
Red	10 Pieces	
Green	10 do.	
Yellow	10 do.	
Blue	10 do.	
		40 Pieces.
Colgeed Flannel		10 Do.
White Flannel		12 Do.

Fort St. David 4th Janry. 1752/3
Thos. Cooke
Waerhokr.

No. 5.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having Just now received a Letter from Captain Roger Mainwaring being his answer to that which was wrote him the 21 ultimo by our Secretary and by Our Order, We now Enclose a Copy thereof for your Honour &cs. Perusal requesting to be favoured with your Orders in regard to it as soon as Possible and are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedt. humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
Jany 7 1753.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Whereas by Letter of 12th. Ultimo You have been Pleased to Order that I should Inform You with regard to the Condition of the Ship Colchester whether she would be able to proceed to Europe in this Month of Janry and in

Consequence thereof I acquainted you that the said ship in a very Violent storm of Wind, by which she was drove out of Madrass Road had received very Considerable Damage and had since made at times 7 Inches Water in the 24 Hours, the Occasion of which I could not then discover but would use my best Endeavours for that Purpose.

And whereas the Honble President & Council may build some dependance on this ships proceeding directly for Europe and be disappointed therein, I beg your Worship &ca. would give them the Earliest information that I am of Opinion (having consulted the proper Officers on that Occasion) that the said ship cannot be repaired where she now is, so as to proceed with safety to Europe. But I request for my satisfaction that a survey may be appointed on her, which I have too great Reason to think will Confirm what I now declare I have the Honour to be

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedt. humble Servt.
ROGER MAINWARING

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 7 JANY. 1753

No. 6.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Serves to dispatch to you the Charles schooner on whom I have Consigned you on account and Risque of the Honble Company fifty (50) Bales amounting as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed to Pagodas (3587 1 77) Three thousand five hundred Eighty seven, one fanam and seventy seven Cash.

The George Sloop who I dispatched to you with a Loading of (350) Three hundred and fifty Bales the 28th. ultimo is I hope safely arrived, Enclosed Comes Duplicate of her Invoice and second Bill of Lading as also Journal Parcels and Cash account for the last Month, and Cash account to this Dispatch, with the account Quick stock, which is all the Material at present from

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
11TH. JANUARY 1753.

No. 7.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am now to Reply to Your Several Favours of the 16th. Novr. and 5 December.

I am in daily expectation of a Vessell from Vizagapatam for my Bales, which on her arrival shall be dispatched without delay.

The Bill on Buncungee Cossidoss House for five thousand (5000) Madrass Pagodas is come to hand, and has been duely paid and Credit given you accordingly in these books.

Your Honour &c. may be assured, I will not be wanting in my Endeavours to wash all the Cloth I can, but as the People I have belong all to Madepollam and Narsapore and as they know I cannot Protect them, it is impossible for me to keep them together, they are so much in awe of the French, that upon the least notice from them, they go thither.

Enclosed come the accounts of this Place for last Month and I am with the Greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Obliged
hble: servant
John Andrews.

Bandarmlka
7 Janry 1753.

No. 8.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with your Letters of the 16 October 15 November & 6 Ultimo, the Bengall Packets which accompany'd the two last were forwarded immediately on their arrival, which was not till the 16 and 30th. December the Peons being a Month on their way hither with the first Letters.

This waits on you by the Fortune sloop with the Duplicate Packet from Pegue which as We wrote Your Honour &ct. We intended should follow the Original overland, but the tedious time the Peons were coming here made us think it as well to keep it for the sloop. You have also our Duplicate Books together with the Monthly Papers, and Returns of this Garrison.

The Vizagapatam Snow returned to us some time past, and has now on Board 150 Bales of white Cloth, tomorrow we shall dispatch her to Mr. Andrews to take in what he has ready and by the End of the Month We shall send on the Saunders, the Remainder of our Cloth which is now at the Wash, with what our Merchants may bring in by that time. We are Concerned to tell you they have not kept their Word with us in regard to the Care they promised of keeping the Weavers up to the Proper Lengths and Breadths or indeed Goodness, for out of near 600 Corge of Cloth which they have brought in We have been able to make up little more than 250 Bales.

Your Orders relating to the Exportation of such Cloth as is of the Companys Manufacture, has been duely Published, and the Greatest Care shall be taken to prevent the same thing being practised by Private Merchants either here or at Pondimarka.

We have had no further demands made on the Estate of Mr. John Churchey and shall therefore write of the Ballance as you are pleased to Direct.

In regard to Mr. Best we must acknowledge we were in some doubt when We received Your Honour &cs. Commands ℔ Admiral Vernon, how far your favour extended to that Gentlemen, as his Employ was not particularly mentioned, but the Care of our Military and other Stores requiring more attention than Mr. Banks's other Employs would admit of, made us willingly Construe it your Meaning that he should have Charge of them. We trust it will be noways

displeasing to you that he continue in the same till your further Orders, and he begs leave to assure you that the smallest of your Favours will ever Claim his Chearfull acknowledgments.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. hble Servants.

GEORGE PIGOT.
SAM[L]. BANKS.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
THE 7 JANR[Y] 1753.

LIST OF THE VIZAGAPATAM PACKET ℘ FORTUNE SLOOP.

N°. 1 Vizagapatam Gen[l]. Letter dated 7th. January 1753.
2 Duplicate D°. dated 14 Nov[r]. 1752.
3 Duplicate Packet from Pegue ℘ Fortune Sloop.
4 Cash account for Sep[r]. October Nov[r]. & Dec[r]. 1752.
5 Paymasters Accounts for D°.
6 Diaries and Consultations for Nov[r]. & Dec[r]. 1752.
7 Returns of the Garrison for Oct[r]. Nov[r]. & Dec[r]. 1752.
8 Duplicate Journal ending April 1752.
9 Duplicate Lidger ending April 1752.
10 List of the Packet.

VIZAGAPATAM the 7 Jan[ry]. 1753.

MARMADUKE BEST,
Secry.

N°. 9.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour of the 5th. Instant by Captain Dominicus, and Our last address to you was under date of the 7th. and as We then Inclosed you a Copy of Captain Mainwarings Letter to us in Regard to his Ship, We suspend any further proceedings with him, until we have been favoured with your Honour &c[s]. directions in Relation thereto.

The Dragon Sloop We have received from Mr. John Carey, We hope to get her out of the River the first springs when We shall deliver her over to Captain Dominicus agreeable to your Orders We shall supply her with what she wants, and so soon as She is ready to sail, We will Enclose your Honour &c[a]. a List of Stores received and delivered to her.

We are very sorry your Honour &c[t]. should have occasion to Repeat so frequently the want of the Nabobs account We are to assure you, it was a very long & difficult Work but being at last finished, in the best manner We are able, it waits on you enclosed Our accomptant takes leave to Remark that in the part which Relates to the Military Paymaster he has been obliged to make an Entire Omission from Primo Janry to Ultimo December 1751 his Books for

that Year having been transmitted to you, and no Copy of them left with Us he is therefore necessitated to refer to your accomptant the adding of that part and hopes your honour &c^t. will not be disatisfied therewith, you have likewise Enclosed the acc^t. of Kings Stores, with the Committees Report relative thereto.

Major Lawrence being in the most immediate want that's possible, of some Particular stores has wrote to Our Military Storekeeper very Pressingly for them, but the Stock that was here being all sent out to Camp, he begs leave to Enclose You a List of such as the Major Expresses so great need for, and requests Your Honour &c^t. will please to send them down here as soon as you Possibly can.

We now Enclose a Letter for Your Inspection which We have received from M^r. Drake, which We refer to Your Honour &c^t. he requests of Us to recommend it to You, and to assure you that a Complyance therein, will not only Oblige him much but also be of Great Service at Present in his Providing Bricks for the Carrying on the Companys works, Enclosed are likewise Copies of two Petitions which have been presented to the Deputy Governour, and are now sent up for your Honour &c^t. to determine as you shall think Proper.

Annexed is a List of Bales on hand from which Your Honour &c^a. will be acquainted how far We are advanced in that Business.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants

Rich^d. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^t. Paul.

Fort S^t. David
Jan^ry 15th. 1753.

List of Cloth on hand—

	Bales.	Bales.
Madras Cloth landed from ship Colchester Viz^t. at the Washers Painters and Dyers	609	
Damaged Cloth included at the Beaters ready for sorting	222	
Reimbaled in the Warehouse	713	
	——	1544
Fort S^t. David Cloth—		
At the Washers	124	
At the Beaters ready for sort^g.	165	
At the Dyers	22	
Embaled in the Warehouse	267	
	——	578
	Bales ..	2122

To the Worsh^ll. Rich^d. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &c^t. Council of
Fort S^t. David.

Worsh^ll. Sir & Sirs

We having been appointed by Your Worship &c^t. a Committee for Inspecting into the Kings Stores and to Fix a value on them agreeable to the directions received from the President and Council In Consequence whereof We now take

leave to Present you with the accompanying acct. Containing the Particulars of all Stores left here by Admirals Griffen and Boscowen, as far as can be had from the Imperfect Lists and Memorandums remaining. For that which we were obliged to be Chiefly Guided by has Evidently lost a Leaf, and We know not how many more are Gone with it, for the Valuing Part We cannot but Represent to You it appears to be an undertaking impossible for the best Judges to do with any Exactness as several articles both of Iron and Copper have neither weight or Dimension affixed nor can they be produced there are likewise many other articles that at Present are quite unserviceable and not of the least Value, but no one here can tell how far they might have been the Contrary when first received. under these difficultys We could not have prevailed on Ourselves to have attempted Making any Valuation upon them, did We not Interpret it as the Express Commands of Our Superiours the President and Council Wherefore in Obedience thereto We have set down such prices as by Guess We thought suitable having throughout consulted Mr. John Call who is the only Person with Us that We could relye on for any knowledge in such Matters. The Guns that were belonging to the Europe Ships Winchelsea & Lincoln are likewise contained in this acct. though separated from that of the Kings, and will be distinguished when Brought into our Books if the Valuation We have put on them should be approved. We have only left to Request Your Worship &ct. will be Persuaded that Our Greatest Diligence has been Employed towards the Perfection of this Work, and hope it will answer all Expectations being with due Respect.

WOSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
PETER ST. PAUL.
JOHN CALL.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 15TH. JANUARY 1753.

TO THE WORSHLL. RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

The Great Call there is for Bricks for carrying on the Works, and the Prodigeous great scarcity of Firewood obliges me to trouble you with this requesting the favour of you to Represent the same to the Presidency, in hopes that their Honour &ct. will be pleased to Grant me the same Priveledge as my Predecessors have had of Cutting my own Firewood at Devi Cotta otherwise I am afraid the works will be at a stand. I cannot get supplied as usual out of the Country on account of the Troubles, and particularly at Present for the Morattas who laid hold of twenty Cart loads a few days ago, which has distressed me Greatly and as my Consumption is very Great, and the stock in the Place so very small and will be all Expended very shortly I flatter myself my Request will not appear unreasonable to You, and I make no doubt but the Honble President and Council will be pleased to take my Case into Consideration.

I am with much respect
WORSHEEL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
DAWSONNE DRAKE.

FORT ST. DAVID
12TH. JANUARY 1753.

To the Worshll. Richard Starke Esqr.

The Humble Petition of Mean Mansoor

Sheweth

That your Petitioner had an Arabian Horse belonging to him, which was bought by him at the Nizams Camp at Valldore for Pagodas 175 which Captn. Cope and Captain Dalton knows it to be true, Captain Kilpatrick has sent it out for the Honble Companys use to Camp for the use of the Troop, which Horse was killed in the Engagement, Your Petitioner humbly begs to be satisfied for that sum of Money that was bought for, as the Honble Company paid the Cost for the Horses that was killed in the Engagement and returned the Others to their Owners that came home safe; Your Petitioner acquainted Major Lawrence of it and bid me aply to Your Worship.

Your Petitioner humbly begs Your Worship to Grant your Petitioners Requests and shall as in duty Bound Ever to Pray

To the Almighty

I do hereby Certifie that Mean Monsoor gave two horses for the use of the Honble Companys Troops had only received one of them out of the other being Lost in the serves.

We are

(Signed) James Kilpatrick.

To the Worshll. Richard Starke Esqr.

Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David

The humble petition of Vencatachilum son of Merikisna

Sheweth

That your petitioners father built a pagoda and a charity Choultry at Merikistna, at which time he caused a number of fine blue stones to be brought there from out of the Country with a design had he lived to have walled the Pagoda and a made a tank, but he dying the Stone Remained at the Pagoda, till the Company began the Horn Works at the Fort at which time Your Petitioner was at Tanjore, when Rangappa Mr. Floyers Dubash and Nella Permall, Paymasters Conicoply without leave or advising Your Petitioner removed them to the Fort for the use of the said Hornworks, upon hearing of this Your Petitioner came to this Bounds and meeting Mr. Floyer in Company with Admiral Boscawen, Major Lawrence and Mr. Wynch, then Paymaster, at Merikistna, made his address to Mr. Floyer, who Called for Rangappa and asked how he dared to remove any mans property without acquainting him, and agreeing for the same and ordered him to see and have Your Petitioners accounts made up, and pay him for them; Mr. Wynch asked your Petitioner what they would amount to for he said he had no account of the Prices of the wards of pags. 40– – your petitioner answered he knew the charges Stones, only Cooley Charges bringing them to the Fort which amounted to upwards of Pags. 40— — your petitioner answered he knew the charges his father was at in bringing them out of the Country besides the Price of the Stones amounted to Pags. 430— — upon this next day Your Petitioner waited on Rangappa as Mr. Floyer had Oredred him to have Your Petitioners accounts made up; and to discharge Your Petitioner, but Rangapa very ingenuosly told him if he would give him half the Money he would see him paid, your Petitioner told him the Produce of the stones must be Employed for Charity according to the design of His Father, and that he could by no means alienate it from such a Use. Your Petitioner on this account gave his Constant attendance in vain, being shuffled of from Rangapa to Nella Permal, and from him to Rangapa, and by Rangapa with abundance of frivolous Evasions; Your Petitioners finding himself thus trifled with, and his Business in the King of Tanjores Service speedily requiring his Return, and as the stones

were Employed in the Companys Use, that the money from such Honble Paymasters was indisputable safe; therefore deferred it till a more favourable opportunity of Returning to make his demand; which Your Petitioner did in Mr. Cockels time; and who promised your Petitioner should be paid but sickness and Death preventing him; Your Petitioner now make his humble application to Your Worship for Justice in the Premises as is Consistant with the Honor & Equity of the Company.

Which will in Duty bind Your Worships Petitioner

EVER TO PRAY.

No. 10.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 12th. We have duely received and our last address to you was dated the 13th. Instant and We having then sent You the Nabobs & Kings stores account as also the List of Cloth on hand as well the Colchesters as what belongs to Our own Investment this Serves to Enclose You the Captains Letter as well as the Report of the Gentlemen who went on Board his Ship to Survey her, a Copy whereof We have sent Captain Manwaring requesting his final and immediate answer whether he can get his Ship in Readiness to proceed to Europe or not which so soon as We receive we shall Transmit to You and are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most obedt. humble Servants
RICHARD STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
JANRY THE 21,1753.

TO THE WORSHIPLL. RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

Having received a Letter from Mr. St. Paul by which I am informed that the Honble President and Council of Fort St. George requires my reasons why the ship Colchester cannot proceed with safety to Europe and Direct that I should make you acquainted therewith, You will Please to Observe that soon after my arrival at this Place you requested of me by Letter of the 12th. Ultimo my Opinion if the ship Colchester could be refitted so as to take in her Loading and proceed to Europe in January and in answer to which I informed You by Letter of the same date, that since the said ship was drove out of Madrass Road she had made at times 7 Inches in the 24 Hours, and as We dont know by what this has been Occasioned, We are of Opinion that it is absolutely necessary to be satisfied thereof before she Proceed to Europe, but how soon that can be Effected We cannot now pretend to determine, as We have not hitherto been able to determine where this Leak lyes, but We shall Persue

all methods practicable for that Purpose in Order to give you the most satisfactory account in our Power, and in Consequence thereof I inform You by Letter of the 7th. Instant that I was of Opinion that she could not be Repaired where she now is, so as to proceed Directly to Europe On which the Honble President and Council Observe that I had not alledged any Particular Reasons for such Opinion, and why I did not, was because I at the same time requested of Your Worship &ct. that a survey might be appointed on the said ship the Report of which I judged would be of Greater Weight with the Honble President & Council than my Opinion could be Especially as there was an opportunity of appointing such on the survey as might reasonably be allowed very Proper Persons for such Purpose. But as the Honble President and Council request my Reasons for the Opinion I have given I beg you will inform His Honour &ct. that We have seen as much of the Ships Bottom as I apprehend We can see at this Place but have not been able to discover anything that might occasion the Leak, as We dont know of what nature it is, We apprehend it is very lyable to encrease upon us, and in such Case there is no knowing to what Length it may arrive and whereas We can perceive that in Several Places Her sheathing has been knocked of, which being done near Three Months ago We are of Opinion the Worms may have got into her Bottom which altho not sensible of at Present may hereafter prove of bad Consequence more Especially when attended with a Leak as before related therefore I continue of the Opinion I formerly declared that We should be satisfied with the Condition of her Bottom before she proceeded to Europe; and whereas You alledge that I mentioned to the President by private Letter that the Ship made only 4 Inches in the 24 Hours, which account may seem to differ from my Letter of the 12th. Ultimo to the Deputy Governour and Council of this Place. I beg Leave to lay before You a Paragraph out of my Letter of the Presidt. relating thereto " The Condition of the Ship I find to be worse than I expected and such that " I can't take upon me at Present to determine how soon they may be repaired. " On my Coming on board I was informed she had made 7 Inches in the 24 " Hours, and that she now makes 4″. So that I dont apprehend that I am in the least chargeable with having given different accounts of the same Fact for in my Letter of the 12th. given in at this Place, I did not say the ship then made 7 Inches Water, but that She had made that Quantity at times since she was drove out of Madrass Road, and it is well known that Grass or Dirt is sometimes drawn into a Leak and thereby Lessens the Quantity of Water which is Lyable to be made whenever that may be discharged.

I have the Honour to be
Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Roger Mainwaring.

Fort St. George
17 January 1753.

To the Worshll. Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ct. Council of
Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

Pursuant to Directions received from the Secretary in your name (Captain Dominicus being sick) We the undermentioned proceeded on Board the Colchester Captain Mainwaring laying in this Road together with the Master Carpenter in Order to Examine the Condition of the said Ship and see whether it was Possible she could in time be Refitted here in a Proper Manner to take the Honourable Companys Goods on Board and proceed to Europe But the Sea running high occasioned the Ship to roll so much that there was no Possibility of Cutting her sheathing at all which ought to have been done for a proper

Examination of her Butt Ends, Seams, and Planks, articles the most Material of the whole in a survey of this Nature. What we could Observe when the ship Rolled was that part of the Sheathing on the starboard side was torn away as We suppose by the Wreck of the Masts and Yards, which it seems after their going over Board lay a Considerable time beating against her sides from whence we may Conclude the Leak proceeded which on Strict Enquiry from the ships Carpenter and people on Board We found at first made 14 or 15 Inches Water in 5 Hours, but decreased as she was unloaded and Yesterday had only made $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in 24 hours. We also Observed in her upper Works several Pieces of Planks & Timbers Carried away on the Starboard side by her Masts, the rails of the Head Gone on the same side, as also her Gallery & Rails of the Quarter, the Bowsprit is sprung before the Rigging the Gallows Gone and the back Part of her Rudder Lost besides some other trifling Damages such as the Loss of her Main Chains on the starboard side & caulking on several Places.

This is the sum of our Observation from whence We cannot pretend to Conclude whether she is fit to receive Bales on Board or whether she will in seasonable time be Refitted for on the first of these Particulars we Cant well pronounce any Judgment without having cut her sheathing and seen her Planks it being reasonable to Imagine the Quantity of Water made by her leak will increase when she is strained and Loaded, whereas tis not Possible to repair or discover this Leak in this road while the ship Rolls so much; as to the other it depends on Circumstances not to be foreseen such as having Materials sufficient to compleat her Masts and Yards whether those allready Procured prove Good and if after all the sheers are of sufficient strength to take in her Masts. Should every thing turn out as Expected this may be Compleated in about six Weeks but whether there is an absolute Necessity for unhanging her Rudder & taking out the Bowsprit the Carpenter of the ship can best inform you.

We therefore humbly submit the whole to Your Consideration and are with the Greatest respect.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. and most hble.
Servants
JOHN CALL.
JOHN GEORGE.
THOMAS WINTER.

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. JANRY. 1753.

No. 11.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDT. AND GOVR. &C. COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIR

We addressed Your Honour &ca. Yesterday inclosing Copy of Captain Mainwarings Letter to Us Containing his Reasons why the Ship Colchester cannot be got in a Proper Condition to Proceed for Europe, also the Report of a Survey taken on her by Your direction, a Copy whereof We have since sent to Captain Mainwaring with Notice by our Secretary that Our Bales were in Readiness to put on Board, and required his Final answer whether he could have her in a Condition to Proceed in a seasonable time or not, which

having now received waits on you herewith, requesting Your Honour &ca. will be pleased to Inform Us of Your further determination herein and are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
RICHD. STARKE &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. DAVID
JANY. 22 1753.

TO CAPT. ROGER MAINWARING COMMANDER
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SHIP COLCHESTER.

SIR

Since the receipt of Your last Letter under date the 17th. Instant (wherein you have laid some stress on Our not appointing a survey on Your Ship Colchester agreeable to a Request made Us in a former Letter of the 12th. Ultimo) We are now to acquoint You that a survey has been taken in Consequence of our Directions and the Report thereof being delivered in, We now enclose You a Copy and as Our Bales are ready for Loading On Your Ship, We are now to Request your final and immediate answer (all Circumstances Considered) whether your ship can be in a Condition to Proceed to Europe within this season or not.

SIGNED by Order of the Deputy
Govr. & Council
PETER ST. PAUL
Secry.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. JAN. 1753.

TO THE WORSHLL. RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS

As you have been pleased to repeat to me Your request in regard to the Condition of the Ship Colchester, I have now to inform You, that I continue of the Opinion I formerly declared to you that I do not think it proper for her to proceed to Europe, 'till after Bottom has been Repaired, but should the Honble President and Council be of a different opinion by the Report of a Survey lately made on her, I shall do my best Endeavours to Execute any Orders they shall please to send me and am.

WORSHLL. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
ROGER MAINWARING.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 22D. JANUARY 1753.

No. 12.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received into Cash the sum of fifteen Thousand Rupees, this serves to inform You that We have drawn upon you one sett of Bills of Exchange for the amount as follows

One Sett of Bills of Exchange for fifteen thousd. Arcot Rupees for so much received here of Mr. Dawsonne Drake. } AR 15,000

made payable at 5 days sight to H. Powney Esqr. or Order.

We are now to acquaint your Honour &ct. that Yesterday dyed here Mr. John Smith one of the Honble Companys Convenanted Servants on this Establishment and having appointed Mr. Saul Tyson Hancock his Executor the Charge of his Effects remain with him.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
January 25th. 1753.

No. 13.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governr. &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last to you was dated the 19th. October, since when is come to hand yours of the 23d. of September and 12th. of October.

We congratulate you on the success of the Nabobs Affairs, Salabat Jung, having lately Concluded a Peace with Nanna, the General of the Morattas in these parts and we deeming it of the Greatest Importance to Our Honble Masters Affairs on your side of India, that you should be immediately advised thereof accordingly dispatch this by Express Boat to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry, directing them to transmit it to you without Loss of time.

Our Honble Masters Ship, the Strethem Sail'd hence for Europe the 29th. Ultimo with a full Loading of Coffee.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most hble. servants
Rd. Bourchier.
J. Sewel.
H. Symmons.
Thos. Hodges.
Alexr. Douglas.

Bombay Castle
17th Decr. 1752.

No. 14.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to Give Cover to the Enclosed Packet received Yesterday from the Honble Presdt. and Council of Bombay & have at this time only to assure you of our being with the Greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble servants

Thomas Dorrill.
J. Robinson.
Charles Waters.

Tellicherry
Decr. 27th. 1752.

No. 15.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by the Vizagapatam Snow with Duplicate of our last and Invoice and Bill of Lading for 150 Bales of Callicoes now laden on her on account & risque of the Honble Company Captn. Kyd has Orders to Call at Bandarmalanka to take in what Bales Mr. Andrews has there and We hope they will arrive in good time.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hble. Servants
Geo: Pigot.
Saml. Banks.
Marmaduke Best.

Vizagapatam
The 9th. Janry 1753.

No. 16.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Charles Schooner being detained from Proceeding over the Barr by a Contrary Wind, affords me an opportunity of acknowledgeing the Receipt of Your favour of the 24 Ultimo which is this Moment come to hand.

Your Orders for sending again my Letter to the Chief and Council of Metchlepatam Shall be comply'd with.

Mr. Knapton being at Vizagapatam I have advised him of Your Honour &cts. Orders and am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
12th. January 1753.

No. 17.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President and Govr. &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Plan of Nellipillee &c^t. Towns lately granted to the Honble Company by the Rajah as also the Rivers of Ingeram and Coringa being finished I take this Opportunity to transmit the same to you being

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
14 Janry. 1753.

No. 18.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &c^t. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Vizagapatam Snow Capt Kyd Imported here the 15th. Instant by her I now send one hundred Eighty one Bales of Callicoes on account of the Honble Company amounting to Pagodas twelve thousand nine hundred and ninety, Thirty one Fanams, Forty Cash (12990 31 40) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed.

I shall be greatly obliged to your Honour &c^a. if you would be pleased to send me by the first Opportunity One Bale of Green and one Bale of Blue Perpetuanoes for the Yearly Present I am with the greatest Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. & most Obliged
humble servant
John Andrews.

Bandarmalanka
Janry. 20 1753.

No. 19.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presid^t. and Govr. &c^t. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am duly honoured with Yours of the 26th. Ultimo and have given Account Curr^t. Fort S^t. George Credit for the amount of Bills paid Captain Edmund Maskelyne.

The Account of artillery Stores inclosed me Your Honour &c^t. will Please to observe are part of Those which I acquainted You in my Letter of the 30th. April last were inserted in the Account Remains then transmitted, more than appeared to have been received and therein Charged at the same Rate with others of the like Nature so that I imagine what has been paid on that account to his Majestys Commissary is to be adjusted in Your Books.

I have made M^r. Keirnander acquainted with Your Orders who has I imagined addressed Himself to you.

As you are pleased to Promise me a successor shortly, and my charge here account my Honble Masters Consisting Chiefly of Military Stores I hope my being on the spot may be dispensed with, as I find my health so much impaired as to rended my stay here any Longer, of very dangerous Consequences I purpose therefore setting out to Morrow for Fort St. David leaving this Settlement in the Care of Mr. George Dawson, and from thence shall take the first opportunity after my Recovery of Coming to Madrass.

Inclosed are the accounts of this Settlement for last Month. I am very Respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedt. humble servant

JOHN PYBUS.

DEVE COTAH
31ST. JANRY. 1753.

No. 20.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF

FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Last to your Honour &ct. bore date the 18th. Augt. Duplicate of which We now Enclose, Since writing which We have been favoured with Your Letters of the 14 & 31 August and 18th. September ℔ Ships Oxford Bombay Castle & Chesterfield who arrived here safe, By those Ships We duely received the Treasure Your Honour &ct. sent Us.

We Observe what you write about the Bullion and Stores the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbrõ have taken out of the Bombay Castle, the amount of which We shall Charge Your Presidency with, when We know it.

Agreeable to what we wrote you by the Colchester We now Consign Your Honour &ct. the admiral Vernon Captain Edmund Cooke to be filled up from your place In a few days more we shall dispatch to you the Chesterfield likewise half Laden, and as your Honour &ct. have desired the Bombay Castle may be sent to take in the surplus Pepper the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro have advised you they shall have ready. We shall dispatch her from hence very shortly for that purpose and lade on her the Oil you have Indented for.

The Company of Swiss Soldiers which arrived here on the Colchester and Chesterfield under the Command of Captain Paul Philip Polier deserting from us daily to the French, He has requsted Our Permission to reconduct them to Fort St. George, as We are informed they are sent to Pondicherry as soon as they leave Us which may be very Prejudicial to Our Honble Masters affairs at your Coast and finding it Impracticable to put a Stop to their running away from hence on account of our open situation, We apprehend it may be Easier guarded against at your Settlemt. and have therefore Complied with Captain Poliers request to reconduct them thither. We shall Ship them on Board the Godolphin Captain Hutchinson, who will be consigned to your Honour &ct. very shortly with a Cargo of Grain on Our Honble Masters account.

We have laden on this ship sundry Goods and Merchandize as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed amounting to Current Rupees (339,500 — —).

Mr. William Sumner who dispatches this Ship from Ingellee will advise you of her Draught of Water and what Else may be necessary from thence.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECHER.
WILLM. FRANKLAND.
W. MACKETT.
EDWD. EYRE.
JNO. ZEPH HOLWELL.

FORT WILLIA
THE 14TH. JANUARY 1753.

TO CAPTAIN EDMUND COOKE
COMMANDER OF SHIP ADMIRAL VERNON.

SIR

Your ship being fully Laden and Your Bills of Lading signed you are hereby Ordered to repair on Board & Winds & Weather permitting weigh your anchor and make the best of your way to FORT ST. GEORGE and deliver our Packet herewith given you to the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. We wish you a safe and speedy Passage and are

SIR
Your Loving Friends

FORT WILLIAM

LIST of the Packet to FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ Ship Admiral Vernon.

No. 1 General Letter to the Honble President & Council datd. 15 Janry. 1753.
2 Do. Do. 18 Septr. 1752.
3 Invoice of Sundry Goods laden on ships Admiral Vernon amounting to C.Rs. 339,500.
4 First Bill of Lading of Ship Admiral Vernon.
5 Acct. Tonnage of Ship Admiral Vernon.
6 Copy of Admiral Vernons Charterparty.
7 Copy of Captain Cookes Sailing Orders.

No. 21.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Pursuant to an Order received from the Honble the President and Council of Fort William the 15th. January to proceed to dispatch this Ship I set out accordingly and arrived on Board this Day.

I have Mustered the Ships Company and recd. Mr. Mans Report of her Gunns and Ammunition and the Captain having signed his Bills of lading the said report, Muster Rolls and first Bill of Lading are enclosed in their proper Places.

I now Enclose to your Honours the following Papers Viz^t^.

Copy of the Muster Roll of Ship Admiral Vernons Men, abstract of ship Admiral Vernons Invoice, M^r^. Mans Report of Her Guns &c^a^. The Captains receipt for the Packet.

The ship draws for and aft 16 Feet 7 Inches I have delivered him his dispatches and wish the ship a safe and prosperous Voyage and am with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servant
WILL^M^. SUMNER.

INGELLEE
JANRY. 18TH. 1753.

N.B.—Your Honours will see by M^r^. Mans Report of her Guns that there are nine deficient and have accordingly protested against him.

N°. 22.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The last Letter We had the favour of receiving from you, was under date of the 12 Ultimo as our address from hence was of the 25th. This now serves to accompany our Consultations, and other usual papers for the Month of December; likewise our Cash account for Jañry. wherein your Honour &c. will please to observe, our stock is Just out, and We are now to acquaint you, that without being able to make any advances to the Paymaster the latter end of the Month whose Demands are Considerable, We have been obliged to Borrow, 2000 Pagodas and 23,000 Rupees, to supply the Commissary this last week, His call for money was much greater, but as it was with Difficulty We obtained this Loan, We were Obliged to put him off, untill We had a supply from your Honour &c^t^. which we hope you will send Us as soon as Possible and taking leave at the same time to assure you, that We should not be thus Pressing, were not the wants for the Camp so very urging.

On the ship Mary who sailed this morn^g^. from hence, We have sent to Fort S^t^. George, Two Europeans, four Coffrees and one Topas, who have been condemned here, to be Transported to the West Coast, and as We are informed one of our Honble Masters Ships is designed to be dispatch'd from Your Presidency to Bencoolen We gladly lay hold of this Opportunity to lessen our Number of Prisoners, as our Garrison is very small, We hope your Honour &c^t^. will not be Displeased at this Proceeding.

A Report being made to Us of the bad Condition of our Honble Masters Factory House at Porto Novo We have Ordered an Estimate to be made of what the necessary Repairs will Come to, which being delivered in to us, we now Enclose a Copy for your Inspection, and desire to receive Directions from you with Regard to it.

The Sloop Dragon having been supplied here with whatever she wanted agreeable to your Honour &c^s^. Orders. We have put her under Command of Captain Abraham Dominicus, and his Chief Mate, who are sailed in her from hence to Galle We now Enclose a List of Stores, received from and supplyed her, for which We shall duly debt & Credit Madrass Account Current.

We are sorry your Honour &c^t. should have occasion to Remark, as mentioned in a former Letter that our Indent for Broad Cloth lately sent you appeared very large, and was more than you could Comply with in answer to which Our Warehousekeeper takes leave to transmit you an abstract of his Remains, Requesting Your Honour &c^t. will be pleased to Compare the same with his Indent, when he doubts not you will be fully satisfied that he was not more extensive therein than was necessary, as it was intended for a Twelve Months supply, and he has already Experienced the Quick Consumption of it by the Small Quantity you was pleased to furnish Us with in September, which by the frequent Demands, of the Military and Officers, both in Camp and Garrison is already quite exhausted, and had he not been very Sparing in his deliverys would have been gone in an Instant add to this the Consideration how seldom it is that Conveyances offer from Your Port, and We persuade ourselves the largeness of that We have now sent, cannot be disapproved, Especially as We are always ready to Submit with Willingness to what ever Proportion your Honour &c^t. may think proper to send us, having only to Request you will please to take notice, that We are now Entirely destitute of any thing Proper for a Present on any Emergency whatever, We are farther obliged to trouble you, (as our Consumption of lead is very great, that you will be pleased to furnish Us with a farther supply of that article by the first opportunity that offers.

We now draw on Your Honors &c^a. one set of Bills of Exchange for four thousand Arcot Rupees Viz^t.

One sett Bills of Exchange for four thousand Arcot Rupees Received here of M^r. Tyso Saul Hancock.	A.R^s. 4000.

Payable to Capt. George Gardiner or Order at three days sight.

We are daily in Expectation of your further Directions, in regard to the Colchester and having no more to add for the present conclude with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants

RICH^D. STARKE.
THO^S. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S^T. PAUL.

FORT S^T. DAVID
FEBRY. 4 1753.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND FROM SHIP COLCHESTER VIZ^T.

At the Washers Painters and Dyers	278	
At the Beaters	500	
Re-embaled	766	
		1544

FORT S^T. DAVID.

At the Washers and Diers	182	
At the Beaters	48	
Embaled	397	
		627
	Bales	2,171

An inventory of Sundries belonging to Sloop Dragon taken in Fort St. David this 9th. January 1753.

3 Colours	1 Half hour Glass
6 Sails	1 Lanthorn
2 Anchors	1 Deep Sea Lead
4 Water Casks	1 Compass
1 Europe Cable	1 Scraper
1 Mast	1 Hatchet
3 Yards	3 Caulking Irons
2 Booms	2 Hammers
3 Tarpaulins	2 Leather Buckets
1 Musquet	1 Marline Spike

Peter St. Paul
Storekr.

Fort St. David 19th January 1753.

An account of Stores Provisions &ct. supplied the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon.

Grapnels	1 ℔ozg.	2	2	3						
	1	1	2	8						
	2 ℔zg. ⊕	4	—	11				19	16	60
Cordage—										
		Inch.								
Europe	1 Cable.	8	16	3						
	1 Coil. 28	1	2	5						
	⊕	18	1	3	68	23	2			
Coir	1 Maund.		..		—	18	—			
Coir Ropes of 4 Ins. 1 Coil. Do. of 1½ ,, 1 Do.	2 Coils.		..		8	28	64			
								77	33	66
Leather Pump ¼ Back ..	..		..					1	29	60
Lines Deep Sea	1 Skain.				1	27	40			
Log	4 Do.				1	4	7			
Mar	1 Do.				—	1	—			
								2	32	47
Twine Bengal	10½ lb.		..					—	18	24
Lamps Benacle	1		..					—	30	60
Time Glasses—										
Half hour	1				—	3	52			
Half minute	2				—	8	47			
								—	12	19
Carpenters Lesser Tools—										
Gimblets	7				—	7	34			
Chizzles	1				—	3	—			
								—	10	34
Caulkers Tools										
Scrapers	2				—	20	24			
Calking Irons	2				—	8	56			
								—	29	—
Axes Pole	1		..					—	17	—
Gardener's Tools ..	1		..					—	19	50
Hammer's hand	1		..					—	12	—
Sheet Lead	16 lb.		..					—	15	60
Sail Makers Utensils 18										
Sail Needles	..		..					—	9	—
Tar & Pitch—										
Tar					1 Barrel.			—	6	19
Pitch					24 lbs.			—	2	20
								—	9	3
Lanthorns Tin	1		..					—	27	—

Nails Small—							
Pump	3 lb	—	13	30			
Scupper	3	—	13	7			
Threepenny	2	—	3	—			
					—	29	37
Nails Middleing—							
Tenpenny	2	—	4	40			
Twenty D°.	2	—	4	—			
					—	8	40
Nails Large Spike	4	..			—	4	30
Boatswains Stores—							
Oakum	25	—	25	20			
Spunge Yarn	28	—	35	7			
					1	24	27
Goods for Madagascar—							
Pitchpot	1	..			1	—	—
Iron Mongers Ware—							
Staples, &c^{t}.	1	..			—	4	50
Sail Cloth Vittree	130 Yards.	..			26	—	—
Timber & Plank Pipe Stave	1	...			—	6	30
Candles	6¼ lb.	..			1	18	—
Gunpowder	6 lb.	..			0	10	30
Match Country	16 lb.	...			—	4	3
					148	31	7

Charges Merchandize—						
Rice 10 bag$^{s.}$ q$^{t.}$	70 Mercals.	19	10			
Doll 4 D°.	28 D°.	9	32			
Ghee 1 Dupper	5 Maunds.	10	21			
Oyl 1 D°.	180 Seer.	6	—			
Salt 2 bags	14 Mercals.	—	22			
Gunny 5 Pieces	..	—	9			
Gunny Bags	118				5	29
Firewood	2000			4	—	—
Matts	350			1	27	—
Cadjan Leaves	..				6	—
Empty Dupper	..				10	40
Pelung for beating rice	..				6	—
Dungaree	2 p$^{s.}$			1	9	—
Wooden buckets 2 and Funnell	..			1	—	—
Pots and pans	...				9	—
Cow skins	2			2	—	—
Water Casks	8			8	—	—
Rattans	30				4	40
Red Betulas	1 p$^{s.}$			2	9	—
White D°.	4 d°.				11	20
Blue D°.	¼ d°.				13	40
P$^{d.}$ Taylors for Making Colours	..				14	—
Deep sea Lead	1				6	—
Coton Thread	1½ lb.				17	—
Water	1½ Ton.				27	—
Caulkers Batty	..				6	—
Carpenters	..				2	40

Boat hire—						
4 Boats Ballast	1	4				
5 D°. for stores & carrying her from the river into Sea	2	3				
Toney Boats 9	—	9				
			3	16		
Cooley hire			34	20		
					80	27 40

Paid impress for three months to the Syrang Lascars &c^{a}. of the Honble Companys sloop Dragon commencing the 1 Janry and the 31 March 1753.

	Rs.
One Syrang @ 15 Rs. ℔ mensem is	45
One Tandall @ 12 d°. d°.	36
Three Helmsmen @ 9 Rs. Each d°.	81
Seven Lascars @ 6 d°. d°.	126
	288
@ 395 ℔ % Ps. 72 32	64

Peter St. Paul
Storekr.

No. 23.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last address of the 6th. We have been favoured with your severals of the 25 Ultimo & 5 Instant Wherein We are apprized of your Honour &cs. Intentions of sending to us a couple of ships to be filled up for Europe In consequence of which We have made an Estimation of the Number of Bales that will be necessary from them and Computed it to be about 1900. We judge it will be the utmost We can be prepared for by the End of this Month for though We have near sufficient Ready washed, there is upwards of 500 Bales must yet go through the Operation of the Beaters, which is as much as they can possibly perform within that time, We must therefore hope your Honour &ca. will not Expect of Us to be in readiness for the last Ship Sooner; For the first We can assure you that she will not fail of meeting with the most Expeditious Dispatch that can be desired; The Colchester will be Capable of Proceeding to your Place in 7 or 8 Days, but as We have Remarked already, it will be with Difficulty We can be prepared with sufficient Tonnage for the last Ship. We must for that Reason Omit sending you any Bales by her which We hope you will Excuse. We are acquainted from the Warehousekeeper that Captain Mainwaring has delivered him one Bale short of Invoice which having enquired into, he informs us that there was one Bale returned ashore which had the appearance of being Damaged, and that his officer had remarked the same in his receipt, which he Judges has been overlooked. We therefore take leave to refer it to your further Enquiry and beg to be favoured with your directions regarding it as we shall be greatly distressed for Wax Cloth We request you will please to send us six Corge by the first Opportunity together with the Supply of Lead Indented for in Ours of the 4 Instant Captain Mainwaring

Informs Us of his having some stores on Board that were designed for St. Helena and which he imagines should be landed here as most likely your Honour &ca. would have them sent there by the first ship which We dispatch from hence We however decline meddling with them until we have received your further Orders.

We shall thankfully receive the large supply of Cash your Honour &ct. are pleased to promise Us as we are in the utmost distress for want of it.

We now beg leave to remind you of our Former Indent for 200 Small Arms the Bayonets We received by the Sloop Fortune and if your Honour &ca. have their Musquets in store and were pleased to send them to Us they would be of great Service as Major Lawrence expresses a great want of them in Camp.

We now draw on your Honour &ca. one set of Bills of Exchange as follows

One set Bills of Exchange for thirteen hundred Pagodas for so much received here of Mr. Peter St. Paul. } Ps. 1300

Made payable at five days sight to John Smith Esqr. Or Order. We have no further to add for the Present but that We are with great Respect.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY. 10 1753.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
ROBERT SLOPER.
RICHD. STARKE.
PETER ST. PAUL.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND FEBY. 10 1753.

Madras Cloth landed from Ship Colchester Vizt.

At the Washers painters and dyers (torn cloth included)	251	
At the Beaters	340	
Re-embaled in the Warehouse ..	953	
	——	1544

FORT ST DAVID CLOTH.

At the Washers & Dyers	188	
At the Beaters	77 (*sic*)	
Embaled in the Warehouse ..	397	
	——	622
Bales ..		2166

No. 24.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL AT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last Letter addressed to your Board We have been favour'd with yours of the 30th. Ultimo ℔ Captain Hammond Commander of our Honble Masters sloop Fortune enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for Sundry Stores Civil and Military, which have been duely received agreeable thereto

and We now dispatch you the said Vessell as you desired We should: the Letter Your Honour &ca. were pleased to write Us under date the 15th. Ultimo has never Come to hand.

In our Consultations for December which We sent your Honour &ca. the 4th. Instant We were obliged to Omit Inserting (as is Customary) the List of Revenues Collected within the District of this Settlemt. the want of some of the Cowles occasioned it which being now come at We enclosed the account which we hope you will please to accept of in Lieu of its being Entered in its proper Place and are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. hble. Servants

RICHD. STARKE.

THOMAS COOKE.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

ROBERT SLOPER.

PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY. 6, 1753.

No. 25.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have wrote you this day by our Honble Masters Sloop Fortune since which We have drawn one Set of Bills of Exchange on Your Honr. &ca. Vizt.

One sett of Bills of Exchange of one thousand Pagodas so much having been received here of Mr. Peter St. Paul. } Ps. 1000.

made Payable to John Smith Esqr. Or order at three days sight. We have no further to add for the Present but that We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. hble. Servants

RICHD. STARKE.

THOS. COOKE.

DAWSONNE DRAKE.

ROBT. SLOPER.

PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY. 6, 1753.

No. 26.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have duly received your favour of the 11th. Instant by our Honble Masters Ship Admiral Vernon, the treasure you have been pleased to send us on her has been all Landed & We now return your Honour &ca. thanks. We shall carefully obey your Orders in regard to the ship and to Captain Cooke. She will be ready to receive your dispatches by the 20th. Instant.

Captain Mainwaring proposes to sail from hence in three or four days; We shall send you the Coffrees on the Colchester agreeable to your Directions. We have sent down the Marianne sloop to Deve Cotah with a supply of Cash and being informed by Letter from thence that a Quantity of Piles are allready cut, We have Ordered her to take in as many as she can and to proceed with them directly to Fort St. George and as opportunity offers shall send your Honour &ca. more: this for the Present Concludes us with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble servants

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 14 FEBRY. 1753.

No. 27.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In our Last address to you of the 14th. Inst. We informed you of our Honble Masters ship Admiral Vernon having Imported here and that by the 20th. she would be ready Loaded so as to receive her dispatches; this waits on you to acquaint you that Captain Mainwaring has sent us in a Letter this day, wherein he writes that his ship Colchester is in a proper Condition now to sail for Madrass, but as We have wrote to your Honr. &ca. the 10th. that the Captain imagined you would think proper to have the St. Helena stores on Board of his ship Landed here, we have taken upon us to detain him for two or three days longer in Expectation of being favour'd with your Orders by that time in regard to them.

We have now Granted one Sett of Bills of Exchange as follows

One sett of Bills of Exchange for one thousand Pagodas for so much receiv'd here of Thos. Cooke Esqr.	Ps. 1000.

for which We have drawn on your Honr. &ca. at five days sight in favr. of J. Smith Esqr. or Order & are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY. 16 1753.

P.S.—This Encloses to your Honr. &ca. our Quick stock to Ulto. Decembr.

No.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council att
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves only to Inclose the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month.

I am with much respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble Servant
George Dawson.

Deve Cotah
15 Febry 1753.

No. 29.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 16th. Instant We were favoured with Your Honour &cas. Letter of the 15th. November at the Contents of which We are extremely Concerned

On the receipt of this Letter We have come to a Resolution to dispatch the Bombay Castle to your place with about 320 Tons instead of putting 2/3rds of her Tonnage on board as We at first Intended, the Chesterfield will follow as soon as Possible with half her Lading which with the Quantity of Tonnage the Admiral Vernon will be able to take in We apprehend will be sufficient for the Investment on your Coast, However the Godolphin will sail from hence in about ten Days Consigned to your Honour &ca. and though it is impossible for us to Supply her with any Salt Petre (none remaining on Ballance or to be procured) We hope the surplus Quantity sent on the Colchester will put it in your Power to dispatch her for Europe if you have Goods sufficient.

We have but a small Ballance of Powder left at Present but as you write so pressingly for a supply of that Article We will Endeavour to Purchase some of the Moors to transmit you by the Godolphin.

We are to request your Honour &ca. will please to send Us Two hundred Tons of Redwood or upwards, for the Ensuing season & advise Us what quantity of Salt Petre you may have Occasion for the Dispatch of the Ensuing Years shipping directly from your Coast.

If your Honour &ca. cannot refit the Colchester on Your Coast we are of opinion it would be more Eligible to send her to the Malabar Coast or write for Masts from thence as it will be impracticable for us to procure any here.

Enclosed We send you a copy of a Letter from the President and Council of Bombay, concerning a ship belonging to the King of Persia and as we are informed She is upon your Coast We presume this Letter will have its Proper weight with your Honour &ca.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr.*
E. H. Cruttenden.
Chas. Manningham.
Richd. Becher.
Willm. Frankland.
Willm. Mackett.
Edwd. Eyre.

Fort William
the 18th. January 1753.

TO THE HONBLE ADAM DAWSON ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

A ship belonging to the King of Persia under the Care of one Mahmed Beg Shamloo now proceeds from this Port and as We are apprehensive she intends for the Bay, We give you this notice to request that neither you yourselves do purchase her nor that you do not suffer any under the Protection of the Honble Company to do it as it may be of fatal Consequence to their Affairs in Persia, as the Persians will not fail to demand greatly more than her value if purchased as above by any under the English Protection besides its Engageing Us in Endless and Costly disputes.

Please to send this Information to the Madrass Presidency.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
J. SEWELL.
HENRY SAVAGE.
HENRY SYMMONS.
THOS. HODGES.
LAU: SULIVAN.

BOMBAY CASTLE
26TH. SEPTEMBER 1752.

No. 30.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclosed is Copy of our Last ℘ Vizagapatam Snow with Duplicate Invoice and Second Bill of Lading for 150 Bales of Callicoes Consigned You on her. This waits on you by the Saunders on which ship We have Laden 118 Bales on account our Honble Masters as ℘ Invoice herewith.

We acquainted your Honour &ca. Last Year That We had some Blue Cloth in the Warehouse, which was in very Little Demand here, We have now Laden it on Board this Ship as also some useless Stores, and an Iron Beam, We beg you will be so good as to give directions that a good one may be sent Us in the room hereof, as We are at much loss how to weigh off our Stores &ca. the Beam We received last Year being old and worse than that which was sent from hence. Inclosed are Our Indents for Wares & Stores.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
SAMUEL BANKS.
MARMADUKE BEST.

VIZAGAPATAM
1ST. FEBRY 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℘ SHIP SAUNDERS.

No. 1 Cash account for January 1753.
2 Duplicate General Letter.
3 Duplicate Invoice & 2d. Bill of Lading.
4 Present General Letter.
5 Present Invoice with the Bill of Lading.
6 Invoice of Old Wares and Stores.
7 Indent of Wares.
8 Indent of Stores.
9 Annual Roll of the Train of Artillery.
10 Annual Roll of the Military.
11 State of the Hospital &ca.
12 List of the Packet.

VIZAGAPATAM 1ST FEBRY 1753.

MARMADUKE BEST
Secry.

VIZAGAPATAM
1ST. FEBRY 1753.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT THIS FACTORY VIZT.

GUNPOWDER EUROPE	Candys	5
GUNPOWDER COUNTRY	Do.	20
LEAD	Do.	20

GENERAL STORES—

Iron Europe	Cwt.	50
Europe Steel		1
White Lead	Candy.	1
Rattans	50 bundles.	
Wood Compasses	6	
Brass Do.	6	
Hand Lines	12	
Log Lines	12	
Deep Sea Lines	12 & 6 Globe Lamps.	

2 Large Beams
1 Small ℘. Scales and Weights

GUNNERS STORES—

Europe Hawser of 10, 11 & Inch 1 ea
Do. Cordage of 4, 5, 6 & 7
Inches @ 4 ea

Half hour Glasses	12
Do. Minute Do.	6
Europe Match	2 Candys.

ARMOURY STORES—

Drum Heads	36
Do. Lines	24
Do. Hoops	12
Do. Braces	24

ARMS.

Bayonet pieces	100
Carbines	50

ERRORS EXCEPTED

ꝑ MARMADUKE BEST.
Storekr.

VIZAGAPATAM 1 Febry 1753.

INDENT OF WARES WANTING AT THIS FACTORY VIZT.

Broad Cloth Super fine Scarlet	2 Bales qt.	ꝑs 12
BROAD CLOTH FINE.		
Scarlet	4 Bales qtg.	24 pieces.
Emerald Green	4 Do.	24 Do.
Yellow	2 Do.	12 Do.
	Bs. 10 qtg.	60 pieces.
BROAD CLOTH AURORA 5 Bales. qtg.	..	30 ꝑs.
BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY.		
Red	2 Bales qtg.	12 ꝑs.
Green	2 Do	12 Do.
Yellow	2 Do	12 Do.
	6	ꝑs. 36
PERPETUANOES ORDINARY.		
Red		15 Pieces.
Green		15 Do.
Yellow		15 Do.
Blue		15 Do.
		ꝑs. 60
EMBOSSED CLOTH.		
Yellow		24 Carpitts.
White		24 Do.
		No. 48
STATIONARY WARE		1 Box.

ꝑ SAM BANKS.
W.H.Kr.

VIZAGPATAM THE 1 FEBY. 1753.

No. 31.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to your Orders to me under date the 24th. December I again sent the French Chief & Council of Metchlipatam my answer to theirs concerng. their accusation of my seizing a Vessell in their Port of Yanam, and last night they returned it me in the manner I now send it, with a Letter from their Secry. that accompanyed it and am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT

INGERAM
THE 25 JANRY. 1753.

A MASULIPATAM LE 20 JANVIER 1753.

MONSIEUR WESTCOT.

MONSIEUR

Mr. de Moracine estant a Gontour on luy a envoye votre Lettre quil a decture par distraction sans pourtant en prendre Lacture ainsi il ne peut scavior ce quelle contient, elle na ete ouverte que par inattention et je vous repete Monsieur que le Conseil ne recevra pas tant que lattresse ne sera pasen regle, Il est etounant que vous luy coutertier ses Litres de Conseiller des Indes Commandant pour le Roy de Mazuliapatam et Dependances et President due Conseil La Politesse est de tout testems et de tout lepaie.

Lay Lhonneur d'etre tres parfaitement
MONSIEUR
Votre tres humble et tres
Obeissant Serviteur
DU LAURENS.
Secretaire.

MAZULIPATAM 20TH. JANRY 1753.

MR. WESTCOTT.

SIR

Mr. De Morain being at Gontour, your Letter was forwarded to him, which he tore through inattention without however reading it, he therefore cannot be acquainted with the contents, It was opened merely by accident and I repeat to you that the Council will not receive any that are not addressed in form. It is astonishing that you should dispute his Titles of Counsellor of India, Commander for the King of Metchlepatam and its Dependencies, and President of the Council. Politeness is Proper at all times and amongst all People.

I have the honour to be very perfectly

SIR
Your most Obedt. hble Servant
DU LAURENS
Secry.

No. 32.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

It is with Concern that We are to acquaint you of the advice We have received that Our Honble Masters Ship the Delawar after Loosing her Masts is put into Gallie and having Considered the lateness of the Season, We deem it impracticable for her to proceed to your side, take in a Loading & save her Passage to Europe this Season, which must be attended with a very heavy Demorage to our Honble Masters, besides the disappointment of a Non returned ship & the Loss which must of Course arise therefrom. We have come to a Resolution to send Orders to Captain Abraham Dominicus or the Commander of any other ship, in the above Circumstances to make the best of his way to

Tellicherry for taking on Board a Cargo of Salt Petre and pepper and We now direct the Chief and Factors there to forward this to you Express that you may Concert Measures accordingly.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most hble Servants
Richd. Bourchier.
J. Sewell.
Henry Symmons.
Thos. Hodges.
Alexr. Douglas.

Bombay Castle
Janry 17th. 1753.

No. 33.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ct. Council att
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have this morning been favoured with Your Honour &cas Avdices under date the 28th. December and have taken the proper notice of the Dilatoriness of the Pattamars who carried Our Letter of the 29th. October which we hope will deter others of being Guilty of the like Remiseness.

It gave Us great Concern to Observe the Damages likely to be sustain'd by the Honble Company from the Storm represented by your Honour &ca. but hope the missing Ships may meet with better fortune than the Colchester.

We embrace this Opportunity of forwarding the accompanying private advices for your Coast & Bengall the Latter We beg leave to recommend to Your Honour &cas. Care.

At this time We have only to assure you of our being with the Greatest Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble Servants
Thos. Dorrill.
Chas. Waters.
Thos. Satchwell.

Tellicherry
Janry 22 1753.

P.S.—Since Writing the above the Enclosed General Advices from Bombay are come to hand.

No. 34.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council att
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are favoured this day with your Letter of the 17th. Instant and have now to Inform you that We have very few Bales more to send on Board the Admiral Vernon, her Calculate of Tonnage shall be made out directly by which We shall come at a Certainty of the Number We shall have for the Colchester, whom We shall Detain no longer here than there is absolute necessity for.

We have opened the St. Helena Packet agreeable to your Honour &cas. directions and find by the Invoice that the Stores designed for that Place to be sent on the Colchester consist of Arrack Sugar & Candles, We understand since from Captain Cooke that he has the like surplus Tonnage for that Settlement We shall therefore Continue those on Board of Captain Mainwarings ship, unless you are pleased to give Us further Orders in Regard to them.

The Account of Copper shall be settled with Mr. Clive and such part of the stores as he returns and are found upon a survey to be unfit for use shall be sold at Publick Outcry, the rest Shall be wrote off or brought under the Head of Charges Extraordinary in the manner your Honour &ca. permit that they Should.

We are with respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY. 20TH. 1753.

No. 35.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address was under date the 20th. Instant since which We have not received any Letters from You The Admiral Vernon having Compleated her Loading and Watering is ready to sail as soon as Ever her dispatches arrive Our Papers are also all prepared and immediately on closing her Packet We shall forward the Duplicates to you.

We are now Loading Our Honble Masters ship Colchester with Salt Petre and Redwood which when Compleated We shall send her off our Bales, this leads Us to remind your Honour &ca. of a Former Indent of the 10th. Instant for Wax Cloth which we stand in such need of as not to be able to Compleat Embaling the Cloth we have now ready for this Ship, a speedy supply of 6 Corge Would be of the utmost service.

In Our last We acknowledged the receipt of 200,000 Rupees which you were pleased to send us ℘r. Admiral Vernon, We indeed thought it a very handsome supply, added to the Large sums We have before had from you and beg Your Honour &ca. will be assured We have a due sense of our Obligation to you for being thus mindfull of Us in regard hereto but as We are under the greatest Concern that it will not last so long as you seem to Expect, It constrains Us to Represent Our Occasions in the fullest Manner being unwilling to surprize you with the Request of a Further supply; to this Purpose We must first offer to your remembrance that We were obliged to Borrow 23,000 Rupees and 2000 Pagodas (as already advised of) to supply the Camp Commissary for answering the Demands of the army last Month, the Major has now Indented (by a Letter the Deputy Governour received last night) for no less than (80,000 Rupees and 4000 Pagodas as requisite for this and the Ensuing Month, & our Paymaster will require at Least 10,000 Pags. more the End of this Month for the Garrison Expences and only to all this an advance of 8000 Pagodas. We are under a necessity of making to Irshapah Chitty (the Ballance due to him being

near 4000) you will find it account for the whole supply you have now sent Us, and thus We shall in an Instant be as greatly Reduced as Ever, this We have Considered, and being unwilling that Your Honour &ca. should receive from us such a hearing so immediately, We have thought Proper to Comply no further for the present with Major Lawrence's Indent than what he setts forth as necessary for this Month only, which will be 40,000 Rupees, Informing him Nevertheless that We should acquaint Your Honour &ca. with the Extent of his Demand, and wait in readiness to Comply with whatever directions you might think Proper to send Us regarding it, and this We now take Leave to request you will be pleased to Favour Us with in General Terms for Our future Guide being very unwilling to refuse the Major anything he asks from us, and at the same time We are at a loss how to act, as it gives us much uneasiness to be thus Troublesome to you for Money.

The Business of the Secretarys office here being very Extensive and as Mr. John Smith one of our Assistants haveing died lately We now request Your Honours &ca. to send us one to supply his Place as We are in great want of such a person.

We are with Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
,, ,,
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY 26 1753.

No. 36.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is Duplicate of our Letter ℔r. Bombay Castle of this date.

On this Ship We have Laden 4883 Bags of Rice & 32 Duppers of Oil on Our Honble Masters acct. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed amountg. to CRs. 27577 10 —.

We herewith transmit you Copy of the Godolphins Charterparty & the List of the Swiss Company Returned Yor. Honour &ca. on this Ship, and are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
CHAS. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECKER.
WILLM. FRANKLAND.
WILL. MACKETT.
EDD. EYRE.
JNO. ZEPH: HOLWELL.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 29TH. JANRY 1753.

A List of Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers & Private Men under the Command of Captain Paul Pollier De Bottens Shipp'd on Board the Godolphin for Fort St. George.

Officers.

Messrs. Paul Pollier De Bottens		Captain
Alexr. Peyer	1	Lieutt.
I. Conrard Peyer	2d.	Do.
Conrard Zeigler		Ensign.
George Pollier		Do.

6 Serjeants.
6 Corporals.
1 Voluntier.
78 Private Men.

To Captain William Hutchinson
Commander of Ship Godolphin.

Sir

Your ship being Laden and Your Bills of Lading signed you are upon receipt hereof to weigh your anchor and make the best of your way to Fort St. George where on your arrival you are to Deliver our Packet herewith delivered you to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Govr. &ca. Council there, whose Orders You are to follow for your further proceedings.

We wish you a safe & speedy Passage thither and are

Sir
Your Loving Friends
Govr. & Council.

Fort William
the 29 Janry 1753.

List of the Packet to Fort St. George ℘ Godolphin.

1 General Letter to the Presidt. &ca. Council dated 29 Janry 1753.
2 Duplicate Do. ℘ Bombay Castle.
3 Ship Godolphins Invoice.
4 Bill of Lading.
5 List of the Swiss Shipp'd on Board the Godolphin.
6 Copy of Ship Godolphins Charterparty.
7 Do. of Captain Hutchinsons Sailing Orders.

No. 37.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to an Order received from the Presidt. Govr. &ca. Council of Fort William I repaired on Board ship Godolphin Captain William Hutchinson Commander who having signed his Bills of Lading I now Enclose one to your Honour &ca. Council and have delivered the Captn. his dispatches.

Inclosed youll receive copy of a Protest delivered the Captain for refusing to take on Board six hundred and fifty Bags of Rice being part of his Tonnage, I have Mustered the Ships Company, & received from the Deputy Master

Attendant a List of her Gunns Small Arms and Ammunition which are agreeble to Charterparty. The Ship now draws 18 ft. 6 Ich. upon an even Keel I wish her a speedy Passage, and am with Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Honrs. most obedt. & most hble servts.
H. Kelsall.

Ingelle
Febry 7, 1753.

I Henry Kelsall in the service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, Do on their part & behalf Protest against you Captain William Hutchinson Commander of Ship Godolphin and against the several part Owners of the said ship, for your not receiving on Board your full Tonnage as prescribed by the said Ships Charterparty.

Dated on Board the ship Godolphin the 7th. day of Febry in the Year of our Lord 1753.

Henry Kelsall.

Witness:
William Ellis.
Jno. Roatledge.

No. 38.

[Duplicate]

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 14th. & 18th. Instant We wrote you as ℔ Duplicate Enclosed.

This waits on your Honour &ca. by the Bombay Castle on whom We have laden Sundry Goods and Merchandize as ℔r. Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed amounts. to CRs. 494000 Which we now Consign You.

On the Chesterfield We shall send you what Gunpowder We can Procure.

We have likewise Laden on this Ship the stores for Bencoolen as ℔ seperate Invoice amounts. to Current Rs. 6107–3– We wish her a safe and speedy Passage and are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most hble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr*.
E. H. Cruttenden.
Richd Becher.
Will Mackett.
Jno. Zeph: Holwell.

Fort William
the 29 Janry 1753.

To Captain Thomas Browne
Commander of Ship Bombay Castle.

Sir

Your ship being Laden and Your Bills of Lading signed, You are upon receipt of this, to weigh your Anchor and make the best of Your way to Fort St. George, whereupon your arrival you are to deliver Our Packet herewith

Delivered you, to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Govr. &ca. Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further Proceedings.

We wish you a safe and speedy Passage thither, and are

SIR
Your Loving Friends

FORT WILLIAM
JANUARY 29 : 1753.

No. 39.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Pursuant to an Order received from the Honble the President and Council of Fort William the 31st. Ultimo to proceed to dispatch this Ship I set out accordingly and arrived on Board this Day.

I have mustered the ships Company and received Mr. Manns Report of her Gunns and ammunition and the Captain having signed his Bills of Lading, the said Report, Muster Rolls, and first Bill of Lading are enclosed in their Proper Places.

I now Enclose to your Honour &ca. Captain Brownes receipt for the Packett.

The ship draws 18½ Feet on an even Keel, I have delivered Captain Browne his dispatches and wish the Ship a safe and Prosperous Voyage being with great respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servant
LUKE SCRAFTON.

SHIP BOMBAY CASTLE
INGELLEE YE. 6 FEBRY 1753.

No. 40.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We had prepared the Inclosed and Mr. Cooke was just going on Board when the Packet appeared in sight it has been Landed this morning & having Enclosed in it the Books & Papers of this Settlement We have delivered them to Captain Cooke & Enclosed comes two of his Receipts, he will sail this night : We shall send by a Sea Conveyance to you the Duplicate of our Books & Papers as abovementioned and are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble Servts.
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
1 MARCH 1753.

No. 41.

Duplicate.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Vessell on which you have sent from Madrass the Honble Companys Packet not having appeared as yet tho' dispatched by you the 21st. the Southerly winds yet continuing very strong, and Letters from your Place mentioning her being in sight of you the 24 We met in Consultation yesterday Evening Captain Cooke attending, when having asked his opinion, in regard to the Wind and Whether there is any likelihood of the Packets arriving here shortly, He says that not only the Wind is much against her, but also the Current and that in all appearance the Weather will Continue as it now is for some time, to which he added he thought it a matter of the Worst Consequence to delay him any longer here, We therefore Came to a Resolution of giving him Orders to proceed from hence to Join the Charles Schooner and to Prevent her Passing the Vernon in the night We have sent off a Cattamaran and likewise a Chelinga as Early as We could before her with Letters containing our Orders and proper signals appointed by Captain Cooke for their observing, and having closed our Packets We have given them in Charge to Mr. Thomas Cooke who proceeds with them, to Enclose them in Yours, & thereon for to deliver them to Captain Cooke with his Dispatches; he will afterwards wait upon your Honour &ca. to let you know what he has done. The apprehensions the Captain is under of missing his Passage, in case he should be delayed any Longer has prevailed over us to take this step which We hope your Honour &ca. will approve of as We have done it thinking it would be most Conducive to Our Honble Masters Interest, Especially as they have been disappointed of their September ship We send the two Bengall Packets and the Letter for St. Helena on the Admiral Vernon agreeable to your Orders.

We now forward to Your Honour &ca. our annual Address, together with all the usual Papers and remain with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most obedt. Hble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
Febry 28: 1753.

[Copy]

To the Honble the Court of Directors for
Affairs of the Honble the United Company
of Merchants of England trading to the
East Indies.

Honourable

We have the Honour of sending you this address by Your Ship Admiral Vernon who being sent here by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be filled up for Europe We are to acquaint you that We now dispatch her to you with one thousand and seventy four (1074) Bales amounting as ℔ Invoice to Eighty two thousand seven hundred and forty four Pags. Twelve Fanams and twenty six Cash (82744. 12. 76) [*sic*] On her We likewise send you the two

Bengall Box Packets intended you ℔ Ship Colchester which having sustained Great Damage by the storm that ship had the Misfortune to meet with has been opened and the Books and Letters Dried in the best manner that was Possible having first received the President and Councils Directions for the same, to whose advices you will permit us to refer you for all further Particulars, and have only to assure you that We remain with Perfect Respect

HONOURABLE

Your faithful and Obedient Humble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY 28TH. 1753.

POSTCRIPT.

We had prepared the foregoing address in hourly Expectation of the Packets arrival from the Presidency having received advice of its being dispatched to us the 21st. Instant, but as the Southerly Winds have set in very strong ever since and having received intelligence that the Vessell which has the Packet on Board remained in sight of Madrass the 24th. We have come to a Resolution of Ordering the Ship to proceed towards that Place in Order to meet her and take out the Packets, for which Purpose We have Deputed Mr. Thomas Cooke to go upon her to Enclose in them the Books and Papers of this Settlement, and thereon to deliver Captain Cooke his Dispatches which proceeding We rest persuaded will meet Yours Honours approbation, as the saving of her Passage appears to us of the utmost Consequence more Especially after the Misfortune that has already attended our September Ship.

We are most Respectfully,
HONOURABLE
Your faithful Obedt. humble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
FEBRY 28TH.; 1753.

No. 42.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to accustomary Practice at this Place, We now take upon Us to present Your Honour &ca. with our Annual address, containing such Occurrences of the past Years Transactions, as may deserve your Notice, Divided under the usual Heads Vizt.

FIRST OF INVESTMENT.

We cannot but persuade ourselves Your Honour &c^a^. are well acquainted with the vast Impediments that have long subsisted in the Prosecution of this consequential part of our Duty, occasioned by the Continual disturbed state of the Country, which We have the concern to Remark, gives us now more interruption than Ever, for since the Morattas have quitted the Nabobs Interest, their Horse have so dispersed themselves in the Country round us, and are making such continual Ravages, that for several Months past it has been with the greatest risque and Difficulty any Cloth has been brought in, even from the nearest Weaving Townes; the Salem Merchants are quite dismayed and cannot be prevailed on to attempt bringing any till they have an appearance of more safety notwithstanding We are Credibly informed that they have large Quantitys ready prepared and has lain there a Long time, they as well as all the other Merchants have frequently been called by Us and the strongest Recommendations have been given them to overcome this Plea, and though it has generally produced from them fair Promises, their Performances afterwards have been so small, that it proves to us, they have a General Reluctancy to it, however in Justice to them as well as Ourselves, We trust that some good Effect will be attributed from it, as We are well Convinced they have thereby brought in considerable more than they would otherwise have done notwithstanding which We should still have been more pressing but the Consideration of the large Ballances that is outstanding among them, and well knowing that they are none of sufficient substance to make good any Material Loss, We judge such a Proceeding would have been quite Imprudent. as in that Circumstance it must be allowed, that We cannot be too Cautious of Leading them into accidents, We are next to observe that though Your Honour &c^a^. have been Carefull to send Us very Liberal supplys of Cash, yet as we are obliged to supply the wants of the Army, their demands alone have been so large, that We could have made but Little more figure in the Investment, had the Circumtsances of the Country been less hazardous, for the only General advance that has been in our Power to make the Merchants was in October and amounted to no more than 24,000 Pagodas which with 30,000 Pagodas more advanced in the time of M^r^. Cockell is the Bulk of what the Merchants have received since Your Removal of the Presidency, under these difficultys We shall take leave to Refer you to the account of Investment herewith accompanying the amount of which being 1016 Bales, We rest persuaded that your Honour &c^a^. will be Convinced our utmost Care and Diligence has not been wanting to promote and Extend this work as far as Could be Expected. We likewise send You Enclosed, Copy of the Merchants accounts from which you will be acquainted of the state of their Ballances, We cannot but acknowledge they are pretty considerable though a Good deal decreased since M^r^. Starkes arrival for the reasons why they are not more so, we must remark the large advances made by M^r^. Cockell for which no Cloth was brought in the impediments which the Salem Merchants have met with as already mentioned, and the Death of Andeapah Moodelaire whose accounts are yet unsettled but We are Endeavouring to have them Concluded as speedily as Possible.

SECOND CUSTOMS & REVENUES.

A Compleat List of the Revenues of this Place both fixed and Variable wait on your Honour &c^a^. in this Packet, In the former you will find We have Omitted the Farms of Deve Cotah and Trevenduporum for though the Rents of them are paid in here, as it was Your directions to give Your Settlement Credit for them, We judge they are intended to be reckoned among the Revenues of Your Place. The Variable Revenues Your Honour will observe are Considerably decreased from those of the Year preceding the reasons to be assigned for this is the Removal of the Presidency, for which a due allowance will doubtless be made as the greatest part of the trade went with it.

THIRD DEBTS.

The Debts of this Settlement remain as Your Honour &c[a]. left them, as you will Observe from a List of them Inclosed.

FOURTH EXPENCES.

For the Reasons given under the Head of Accounts, We cannot Particularize on this subject farther than to desire you will be referred to the Paymasters accounts monthly transmitted, the appearance of them will no doubt be larger than might be Expected. But for this We Must Remark that they are greatly augmented by Carrying to account many considerable Charges, that have from time to time been made on account of Nabob Mahomud Ally Cawn To Charges Garrison and Charges Extraordinary agreeable to the Method Practised before our arrival; this Error Your Honour &c[a]. were pleased to notifie to us in November last when it was Corrected, and our accomptant will be mindfull to make the Proper adjustments at the Close of the Books, when We persuade ourselves Your Honour &c[a]. will have no Cause to doubt of our having paid due attention to Our Honble Masters Commands so often repeated on this Head.

FIFTH BUILDINGS & REPAIRS.

The Entire Inspection of this has been Continued with M[r]. John Call, ever since Your Honour &c[a's]. Removal whom We may acquaint you has used the utmost dispatch & diligence in the Execution of the proposed Plan. The works he has compleated are the West Ravelin and the Gallerys with their Countermines, from the Small Places of Arms on the East and West of the Horn Work to the Front thereof besides 7 or 8 Branches to the Eastward of the Fort, he has also compleated several angles of the Glacis to the Westward and set up the Pallisadoes all through the Covered way, as far as they can be till the Places of arms are altered, and the Ravelin before the Horn Work constructed he has turned the arches for four Caserns under the Rampart of the new Work intended round Patches Battery, erected a Center for one and laid the Foundations for three more, The Exteriur faceing of this Work towards the River is above three parts Compleated and the Workmen are now Chiefly Employed in carrying on the rest. In the month of December when we conceveid the monsoon to be pretty well over, He began to Repair the Dams in the Ditch and make Preparations for drawing the Water in Order to scour that Part which remained unfinished the Year before as well as to Rebuild the North East Angle of the False Bray which fell down sometime since on which the People are yet at Work and are Carrying the Earth (or rather mud) out of the Ditch on the Glacis to the Eastward where before it was nothing but a Loose sand, with which the Covered Way was Constantly filled in the North East Moonsoon. These are the most Material Articles finished, or in hand Relating to the Fortifications and for Repairs there has been none but such as were absolutely necessary among the Storehouses & Out Guards, the Particulars of which will be more fully seen in the six Months abstract yearly transmitted to Your Honour &c[a]. for to send Our Honourable Masters.

In the Carpenters and Smiths Yard their Chief Employment has been in repairing and making new Military &c[a]. Artillery Stores, such as Transporting Carriages, Carriages for Field Pieces, Baggage Carts, ent Poles, Hand spikes Ramrods, Dooleys, and many other small Stores and utensils, required, both for Camp and Garrison.

As We have now given you a full account of Our Proceedings under this Head, We have only to say upon the whole, that if the Progress made in the Works are not so great as Your Honour &c[a]. might have Expected, We hope in that Case a due allowance will be made for the troubles in the Country which has not only depriv'd Us of many Artificers, & Cooleys but also rendered

the Procuring of Materials, very difficult, among which Charcoal, & Firewood have been very Considerable articles, This Considered We rely that Your Honour &ca. will rest Persuaded that no Endeavours are wanting in Us, to Compleat Every thing proposed with the utmost Diligence, as We can assure You it would give Us great satisfaction could our Honble Masters see an end of this Expence.

SIXTH COVENANTED SERVANTS.

Of the Several Covenanted servants Your Honour &ca. have stationed at this Settlement have died William Cockell Esqr. Deputy Governour and John Smith Writer. The Effects of The former were committed to the Charge of his Widow Mrs. Elizabeth Cockell and the Latter to Mr. Tyso Saul Handcock Executor, a Compleat List of such servants as now remain with us wait on you Enclosed.

SEVENTH MILITARY & PEONS.

Agreeable to your Honour &cas. Commands specified to us in your Letter of the 6th. of August for Fixing five hundred Military, and Six hundred Seapoys as our standing Garrison the same was Regulated in October. The Peons and Lascars remain as formerly.

EIGHTH ACCOMPTS.

The Business of this Head is Committed to the Care of Mr. Thomas Cooke, who now furnishes Your Honour &ca. with abstracts of the Several Accounts usually forwarded at this season, Except only the Calculate of the Expences and Revenues for the year, which always Terminating at the Close of the Books in April, cannot be drawn out till that time. We have nothing further to Remark therefore Conclude with the assurance of our being with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 24TH. FEBRY 1753.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE.

1 Genl. Letter to the Court of Directors dated 28th. Febry 1753.
2 Annual Letter to the President and Council of Ft. St. George dated 24 Febry 1753.
3 Invoice of 1074 Bales Laden on Ship Admiral Vernon amountg. to Pags. 82744. 12. 76.
4 Acct. of Tonnage Laden on Ship Admiral Vernon.
5 List of Packing Stuff on 1074 Bales laden on Do.
6 General Letter to the President & Council of Fort St. George dated 28th. Febry 1753.
7 Account of the Investment for the Year ending the 31st. of December 1752.
8 Andeapah Moodelaire &ca. Merchts. their Account Current for the year 1752.
9 Irshapah Chitty &ca. Merchants Do

10 Nellatomby Chitty &ca. Merchants Do.
11 Timiniah Chitty &c. Merchants Do.
12 Nagore Kistnah & Ramah Chitty Do.
13 Nagore Kistnah &ca. Merchants Do.
14 Govinda Chitty &ca. Merchants Do.
15 Andellah Chitty &ca. Merchants Do.
16 List of Revenues for 1752.
17 Abstract of the Sea Customs of Cuddalore for 1751 & 1752.
18 Abstract of Land Do. for Do. Do.
19 Abstt. of the Sea & Land Customs of Tevenepatam for Do.
20 List of Debts outstanding the 30th. April 1752.
21 Surgeons Indent of Medicines for the Year 1752.
22 List of the Honble Companys Covenanted Servants dated the 31st. December 1752.
23 List of Marriages, Christnings & Burials for ye. Year 1752.
24 Surgeons List of Deaths.
25 Capn Edmund Cookes Manifest of Private Trade on Board Ship Admiral Vernon.
26 Report of the Survey of Ship Admiral Vernon.
27 List of Men, Ammunition & Warlike Stores on Board Ship Admiral Vernon.
28 Manifest of Presents on Board Ship Adml. Vernon.
29 Roll of Captn. George Gardiners Company of Foot December 31st. 1752.
30 Do. of Captn. James Kilpatricks Do.
31 Do. of Captn. Edmund Pascals Do.
32 Do. of Captn. Benjamin Pigous Do.
33 Do. of the Train of Artillery.
34 List of the Packet for England ℔ Ship Adml. Vernon.
35 List of the Fort St. David Packet.

Fort St. David
Febry 28th. 1753.
Peter St. Paul
Secrety.

(Translated from the Dutch.)

No. 43.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

Presidt. and Governour of Fort St. George.

&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Trusty Friends

The advices We have received from our People at Bimilipatam Necessitates Us to represent to Your Honor &ca. the Insolent Behaviour of the Resident at Vizagapatam Mr. George Pigot in sending a Corporal and 24 Seapoys to Bimilipatam to bring away Dead or alive one Thomas Kemmeling that deserted

from Vizagapatam in November beg'd our Protection being to Proceed afterwards to this place in the Yonge Galenus Toney, This Proceeding of Mr. Pigot's obliged our People to acquaint the Howaldar with the affair that he might be carefull to prevent such an Outrage being committed in the Princes Territory, and an affront put on the Company, whereupon the Howaldar with the Tholk and Companys Braminy went to the Detachment when in slight of our Lodge and Endeavoured to persuade them to Return but in vain, so that our People were obliged to get together all the Peons and other Men that were willing to arm and Guard the said Thomas Kemmeling to a Chellinga, which the Seapoys did not oppose but immediately dispatched a Pattamar to Vizagapatam upon which there arrived a Serjeant a Corporal 6 Private Men and about 40 or 50 Seapoys more, and approaching our Lodge demanded the Deserter in the Name of Govr. Pigot without his first having wrote our People about the affair, our people could not comply with their demand, and answered that six of our men having formerly deserted to Vizagapatam they had applied to the gentlemen there to return them to which they never had any Answer for which Reason our People thought themselves not at Liberty to return any of Yours, to which the Serjeant Replied that he was ordered by his superiours not to regard what was past, but to agree to a Cartell for the Mutual delivery up of Fugetives, which Our People told them it was impossible for them to Comply with, so the serjeant said he would then Execute his Orders in searching the Vessels in the jeant said he would then Execute his Orders in searching the Vessells in the Road, and if he found the Man he would take him away, to which our People answered that he might do as he Pleased, since they neither intended, nor had force, to repel force, but that they Protested against such Proceedings and left it to the Governr. of Vizagapatam, to answer for them and Our People found that they not only disregarded the Protest, but that Mr. Pigot had posted three armed Chellinga's to Search the Yonge Galenus when she passed that way and to seize the Deserter, having also detained two or three days and searched the Maria Elizabeth Sloop and the D'Driegebrocdars from Sadrass then in Vizagapatam Road which latter Vessell staid the Rains in the River there, and is not with the Earnest Entreaty of the Syrang permitted to Come out such Proceedings never happened between Friends and Nations so allied as Ours and the English. We therefore lay the same before you that your Honour &ca. may give proper Orders to put an End to the Insult Offered to Our People and Lodge, Nor can We refrain from Reminding Your Honour that We had several times Proposed a Cartell to you for the delivering up of deserters on both sides which you always evaded.

We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Trusty Friends

Your most Faithfull Friends & very hble Servts.

Libreght Horeman.

Hendrick Du Bon.

B. Teylingen.

D. Cd. Vick.

J. T. Palldamus

Jan Martens.

Ns. De Jonehere.

J. Servat.

A. Bonk.

P. Looman.

Negapatam

25th. Febry 1753.

No. 44.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President and Govr. &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to Enclose Duplicate of my last with the Journall Parcells and Cash Account for last Month.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
4th. Febry 1753.

No. 45.

[Duplicate]

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President and Govr. &c^a^ Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A few days since the Rajah Ordered the Town of Coringa with its dependencies to be Delivered to the Honourable Company on their paying to him yearly the sum of Two hundred and sixty Pagodas. I accordingly took Possession of the same, and have let the Town &c. to Responsible Persons, and have declared it to be a free Port for (3) Years, in which proceeding I doubt not but I shall meet with your Honour &cs. Approbation as it will be the means of drawing a Number of Vessels to it, The Cowle I have not as yet received from the Rajah, but Expect it daily, The person who delivered The Town &ca. to me gave me one by order of the Rajah in his own Name Copy of which I now send you & am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
1st. Febry. 1753.

P.S.—I have acquainted Mr. Hopkins with Your honour &cs. Orders regarding him Communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Bourchier.

No. 46.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This encloses Your Honour &ca. the Accts. of this Settlement for last Month as also Invoice and Bill of Lading for twenty seven Bales of Cloth, amounts. to one thousand, seven hundred and three Pagodas, ten fanams and forty Cash (1703. 10. 40) and now sent ℘ Sloop George.

I shall be greatly obliged to Your Honour &c^{a}. if you would send me a p^{r}. of Triangles Weights & scales ℔^{r}. the Return of the sloop, I am with great Esteem.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. most Oblig'd hble. serv^{t}.
JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDAR MALANKA
FEBRY. 13 1753.

N°. 47.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. &C. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This only serves to acquaint you that We have drawn on your Honour &c^{a}. two setts of Bills of Exchange as follows:—

One sett of Bills of Exchange for thirty six thousand Arcot Rup^{s}. for so much rec^{d}. here of M^{r}. Dawsonne Drake. } A.R. 36,000.

One sett of Bills of Exchange for one thousand Pagodas for so much rec^{d}. here of M^{r}. Robert Sloper. } P. 1000

made Payable to Henry Powney and Alex^{r}. Wynch Esq^{rs}. or to their Order at three Days sight.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. hble. Servants

RICH^{D}. STARKE.
THO^{S}. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROB^{T}. SLOPER.
PETER S^{T}. PAUL.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
MARCH 3 1753.

N°. 48.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your several favours of the 21, 22, & 25 Ult^{o}. and have Informed you of Our Honble Masters Ship Admiral Vernon sailing for Europe the 28th. at night. We likewise Enclosed you two receipts from Captain Cooke, one for our Packets and one for those of Bengall, and have forwarded Your Honour &ca. Our Annual Address and other Papers by the Charles Schooner.

We are now loading Our Bales on the Colchester whom We hope to dispatch in 7 or 8 days, We shall not fail to Compleat the 1900 We promised You to have in Readiness by Our Letter of the 10th. Ultimo, besides which she will bring you One hundred Ton of Redwood and as much of salt Petre. In respect

to the Directions you are pleased to give Us by a Letter of Mr. Secretary Bourchiers of the 2d. Instant just now Come to hand, for sending you the Bales without Wax Cloth, We are to acquaint You that Our Warehousekeeper has since fortunately supplied himself with sufficient for this Dispatch.

Our Consultations and Monthly accounts for January We now transmit Your Honour &ca. and are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble. Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
MARCH 5 1753.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

MADRASS CLOTH LANDED ℔R.		
Ship Colchester..	187 Washg. &ca.	
At the Beaters	44	
Re-embaled	526	
		757
FORT ST. DAVID CLOTH.		
At the Washers &ca.		129
At the Beaters..		162
Embaled in the Warehouse		110
Bales ..		1158

No. 49.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you to Inform You of Our having received into Cash here the sum of two thousand Pagodas of Richd. Starke Esqr. for which We have granted one sett Bills of Exchange as follows:

One sett of Bills of Exchange for two thousand Pagodas for so much recd. here of Richard Starke Esqr. P. 2000

and made Payable by Your Honour &ca. to the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr. Or Order at three days Sight.

We now take Leave to Remind You of Our Indent for Lead of which We have but a very Small quantity left, not near Sufficient for the Expence of this Month.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble. Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
MARCH 7TH. 1753.

No. 50.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. &ca. Councill of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now dispatch to You our Honble Masters Ship Colchester with 950 Bales and a Quantity of Salt Petre and Redwood as ℘r. Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed Amounting to [*lacuna*].

We have also sent you on her the Coffrees agreeable to Your Directions, as We have likewise Eight French Deserters seven of them lately come in from Camp, but whom We did not think it safe to keep here as We have so many of their Country Men Prisoners and but a small force to secure them, We therefore hope this step will meet with Your Honour &ca. approbation.

We have acquainted Captain Mainwaring with Your directions in regard to the Bale that is wanting of his Invoice, & We have applyed to him for Payment, but he has requested of Us (as his officer is very Possitive that a Bale was returned on shore damaged) that he may be permitted to adjust this Matter with Your Honour &ca. as he doubts not but will be able to satisfie you therein, on Your Causing his officers receipts to be prduced to him, which appears. to Us very Reasonable, We take leave to refer it to your Honour &ca. to settle with him, and have debted your settlement for it being 1 Bale Vizagapatam Long Cloth Middling No. 2 qtg. 2 Corje amounting with Charges to Pags. 115. 11. as We have done for Pags. 3431. 27. being the amount of 1761 Buzar, Maunds and 63 lb. of Salt Petre deficient of the Colchesters Invoice which the Captn. informs Us, was dissolved in the Storm.

Since Writing the above has come to hand your favour of the 6 Instant, & in answer to Your directions relating to the Gunpowder now in Store, We take this first Opportunity of enclosing you an Account of Remains of that Article that Your Honour &ca. may be Enabled to let Us know what quantity You would have sent when a Proper Conveyance offers, in Our next General Letter We shall Furnish you with a more particular account of thee Quantity we can make together with the Monthly Expence.

We are very sorry to observe that our Resolution for ordering the Admiral Vernon to meet the Packet has not been so throughly approved of as We Could have Wished, We thought the lateness of the Season together with the Circumstance of Our Honble Masters not having a September Ship were such Important reasons for inducing Us to that Proceeding as would justly have merited Your Honour &ca's. Censure had We omitted it especially should it have happened that the Southerly Winds had still Continued in the Point it then was however We shall be particulary mindfull of your directions not to undertake any thing of this nature in future without receiving Your Orders.

Our Storekeeper acquaints Your Honour &ca. that Mr. Clive's Conicoply has delivered to Mr. Chs. Saunders the Steward of this Garrison. the Copper that was mentioned in the List sent up to You sometime ago and which You now take notice of to Us.

We now send Your Honour &ca. Triplicate of our Annual Address & papers & are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
10th. March 1753.

P.S.—The Invoice not being ready shall be forwarded Over Land tomorrow to Your Honour &ca.

A LIST OF GUNPOWDER REMAINING IN THE MAGAZINE OF FORT ST. DAVID UNDER THE CHARGE OF MR. PETER ST. PAUL MILITARY STOREKEEPER THIS 10TH. DAY OF MARCH 1753.

	Barrels
Kings Powder	281
Companys	
Europe Powder	232
Bombay	95
Bengal	20
Country	50
Do. receiv'd in March	43
Barrls ...	721

PETER ST. PAUL
Mily. Storekr.

No. 51.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCILL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having Closed our dispatches to You by the Colchester (Captain Roger Mainwaring) last night, this serves to Enclose, Invoice, and Duplicate Bill of Lading for her Cargo's.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble. Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
MARCH 11, 1753.

No. 52

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL ATT
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is Duplicate of our Letter under Date the 29th. January ℘ Godolphin which ship was dispatch'd from Ingellee 7th. Instant by Mr. Henry Kellsall.

Mr. Kelsall Protested against Captn. Hutchinson for Returning 650 Bags of Rice which We must acquaint Your Honour &ca. happened from an Omission in his Orders, that We had agreed to admit of the Company of Swiss Soldiers being reckoned in the Tonnage as by the Enclosed Estimate.

We have laden on this Ship Sundry Goods and Merchandize on Our Honble Masters Acct. as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed amounting to Currt. Rupees 443,500.

We have likewise Complied with your Honour &cas. Indent for Packing stuff by this ship as ℘ separate Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed.

Having Procured about 100 Chests of Gunpowder (no more being to be bought) We have sent it to Your Honour &ca. on this Ship.

Mr. Peter Amyatt who dispatches this Ship will advise Your Honour &ca. of what may be necessary from Ingellee.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 11TH. FEBRY. 1753.

ROGER DRAKE.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
CHAS. W. CANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BECKER.
WILLM. FRANKLAND.
WILLM. MACKETT.
EDWD. EYRE.

TO CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER
COMMANDER OF SHIP CHESTERFIELD.

SIR

Your Ship being Laden and Your Bills of Lading signed, You are upon receipt of this to weigh Your anchor and make the best of Your way to Fort St. George where, upon Your arrival yau are to deliver our Packet herewith Delivered you, to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council there, whose Orders You are to follow for Your further Proceedings.

We wish You a safe and speedy Passage and are

SIR
Your Loving Friends
GOVR. & COUNCIL.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO FORT ST. GEORGE ℔ SHIP CHESTERFIELD.

1 Genl. Letter to the Presidt. and Council dated 11th. Febry. 1753.
2 Duplicate Do. Do. dated 19 Janry. 1753.
3 Ship Chsterfields Invoice amounts. to C. Rs. 443,500.
4 Invoice of Packing Stuff laden on the Chesterfield amounts. to Currt. Rupees 1175.
5 Ship Chesterfield first Bills of Lading.
6 Ship Chesterfields Account Tonnage.
7 Ship Bombay Castles Second Bills of Lading.
8 Ship Godolphins Second Bills of Lading.
9 Copy of Chesterfields Charterparty.
10 Copy of Captain Carters Sailing Orders.

No. 53.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to an Order received from the President and Governr. &ca.

Council of Fort William I repaired on Board Ship Chesterfield Captain Edwin Carter Commander who having Signed his Bills of Lading I now Enclose one to Your Honour &ca. Council and have delivered the Captain his Dispatches.

I have mustered the Ships Company and received from the Deputy Master attendant a List of her small arms, Guns and ammunition which are agreeable to Charterparty. The Ship draws abaft 17F. 8I. and forward 17 Foot. I wish her a speedy Passage and am with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Honours most Obedient and
most hble Servant
P. AMYATT.

INGELLEE
FEBRY 17, 1753.

No. 54.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. &CT. COUNCIL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to Inclose our Duplicate Invoice for the Goods We have sent Your Honour &ca. the 10th. Instant by the Colchester Captain Roger Mainwaring Commander.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 12TH. MARCH 1753.

No. 55.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Serves only to accompany the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month.

I am with the greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. and very humble
Servant
GEORGE DAWSON.

DEVE COTAH
THE 10TH. MARCH 1753.

No. 56.

(Translate)

MADRASPATNAM

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. OF FORT ST.
GEORGE AND THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL
&C. &C. ON THE BEHALF OF THE
RIGHT HONBLE THE ROYAL ENGLISH EAST
INDIA COMPANY, AND TO THE COUNCIL
OF THE SAID PLACE.

HONBLE SIR & TRUSTY FRIENDS

We herewith send Your Honours Copy of an Account which We received from Ceylon containing the Cost and Charges of wood and Iron work &ca. furnished and Employed at the Port of Galle for the use of the English ship Delawar which put in there without Masts, amounting to Rix Dollars 1075 or £2380 which sum We Request you will do us the Friendship to remit to Our servants at Pulliacat.

We are
HONBLE SIR & TRUSTY FRIENDS
Your most Faithful Friends and very humble Servants
L. HOOREMAN.
HEN. DU BON.
P. TEYLINGER.
D. C. VICK.
J. F. PALDAMUS.
JAN. MARTINS.
N. DE TONEHEERE.
J. SERVAT.
A. BONK.
P. LOOMAN.

NEGAPATAM CASTLE
THE 8TH. MARCH 1753.

No. 57.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last address to You of the 10th. Instant We have not been favoured with any Letter from You this therefore waits on You agreeable to Your Orders to acquaint You of the Quantity of Gunpowder We can make here with the Cost attending it, the Acct. Remains of what is in Store We forwarded to You already Our Military Storekeeper informs us that he can bring in Monthly Ten (10) Candies and that the Expence of it as yet has been but Twenty four (24) Pagodas, Thirteen (13) of which he pays the Warehousekeeper for Each Candy of Salt Petre Two (2) Pagodas to the Military Store for 4 Maunds of Brimstone & nine (9) for Cooley to the Powder maker but he assures us it is with Difficulty and at a Greater Expence as well as Risque than heretofore that he can get Charcoal proper for the Purpose as the Country is so much infested with Morattas and that the Powder maker has often represented his being obliged to pay much higher Cooley to the People that work under him than

hither to on Account of the dearness of Provisions of all Sorts, this the Military Storekeeper therefore takes leave to represent to Your Honour &c^a^. requesting a further allowance such as you shall think Proper, & begs leave to assure you that he will use his utmost Endeavours to bring the Powder up to the highest Proof and will not send in any but what has been tryed by the Officer of the Train for the time being and is approved of as very good he has one hundred (100) Barrels now near finished, & the Forty three (43) he lately brought in threw from 45 to 47 Yards with one Ounce at several Tryals and with a small addition of spirits of Wine carried sixty this last Experiment has been taken from the French Practice in Europe & is recommended very strongly by their Engineers arrack has been tryed heretofore in this Country and has been found to Answer the same purpose the Quantity requisite for a Candy is one and half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) Gallon which additional Expence the Officer of the Train represents to Us will be fully made up in the goodness of the Powder however this as well as the Military Storekeepers Request of a further allowance for the Price of the Gunpowder We refer to Your Honour &c^a^. and are with Respect

FORT S^T^. DAVID
THE 19TH. MARCH 1753.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. hble. Servants

RICH^D^. STARKE.
THO^S^. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S^T^. PAUL.

N°. 58.

TO THE HON^BLE^ THOMAS SAUNDERS
PRESID^T^. AND GOV^R^. &C^A^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 13th. Ultimo has been duly received.

I am unable to Express my Concern to find the Cloth sent up has Proved so bad as Your Honour &c^a^. acquaints me, it does, Believe me Gentlemen I have not been wanting to procure the Best but the Demand the French have made the last year, added to a Sett of People that have resorted hither to purchase Goods for the Eastern Market, since the Commencement of the Troubles to the Southward have so ruind the Manufacture of the Ordinary Goods, that it must be sometime before it can be retrieved, as to what Your Honour &c. is Pleased to Observe regarding the Vizagapatam Investment being hurt by mine, With all due submission, I am at a Loss to make out, as I have Prohibited my Merchants from going into that Country to purchase any Goods for this Place, which I believe they have strictly Complyed with, and if the Gentlemen from thence have wrote any thing on that head in Excuse for their not send^g^. up any more Cloth, I cannot help saying, they have done me great Injustice; I have taken Particular care since my being here of keeping up the Merchants to their due Lengths and Breadths, and turned out a Large Quantity of Cloth the last Year on that Acc^t^. I am glad to find my Fine Goods meets with Your Honour &c^s^. approbation, my utmost Care shall not be wanting to make my Ordinary equal it if Possible & of not giving Your Honour &c^a^. any further Cause of Complaint.

This Factory being in want of some Wares and Stores, I now Enclose an Indent for the Same, with the Journal Parcels and Cash account for the Last Month.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
the 6 March 1753.

Indent for Wares and Stores Wanting
at Ingeram Factory for the year 1753.

Broad Cloth scarlet	8 Pieces.
Perpetuanoes Ordinary Red	8 Pieces.
Stationary as Usual.	
Gunpowder	20 Barrels.
Gunneys Rope & Twine for 400 Bales.	

Foss Westcott.

No. 59.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort St.
George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am Obliged with Your Honour &cs. favour of the 15th. Past, this comes Chiefly to cover the Accounts of this Place for last Month. I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most Obliged
humble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandar Malanka
March the 4th. 1753.

No. 60.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with Your Letter of the 13th. Ultimo ℔ Vizagapatam Snow with the 50,000 Arcot Rupees You was pleased to send Us.

Our Merchants have brought in but a very Small Quantity of Cloth since the last Bales went to You and alledge the dearness of Cotton and great Scarcity of Copper money are the Principal Reasons, and that it is impossible for them to Promise what Quantity they can furnish between this time and August.

Inclosed is Our Cash Account for last Month with the Returns of this Garrison.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed[t]. humble Serv[ts].

VIZAGAPATAM
14TH. MARCH 1753.

GEORGE PIGOT.
SAM. BANKS.
MARMADUKE BEST.

N°. 61.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 20th. Instant (enclosing Invoices and Bills of Lading for Treasure &ca.) ℘ Our Honble Masters Ships Godolphin and Prince George We have duly received and the Military &ca. being all Landed We now return them to You agreeable to Your Orders.

The Supply of Cash your Honour &ca. were pleased to send Us We take leave to assure You, We Shall not disburse but on such Occasions as immediately require it, being Sensible that at this season of the Year it would distress you much to Call for more untill the expected Shipping from Europe Arrives.

The Rupees and Lead being weighed off turn out right. We should send Your Honour &ca. the Camp Kettles You require of Us had We any in Store but all have been sent out to Camp, however as we have some now making here, We shall not fail to send you Twenty very shortly.

The two Blackwood Settees and six Elbow Chairs shall be paid for to Mr. Westcotts Attorneys so soon as they shall Call upon Us for the money.

We have appointed Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson to write under the Secretary and we hope for the Time to come that Branch of Business will be carried on more to Your Honour &cs. approbation than heretobefore.

We are with Due respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed[t]. humble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
MARCH 30TH. 1753.

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

N°. 62.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Just serves to Enclose Invoice for Jewels &c^a^. which We now send You ₱ Cattamaran and are with Respect

Fort S^t^. David
the 2^D^. April 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants
Rich^D^. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

N°. 63.

(Translated from the Dutch)

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Govr. of Fort S^t^. George and to the Council there.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By Captain Abraham Dominicus Commander of the Ship Delawar, who safely arrived here in the Sloop Dragon the 31st. January last We were honoured with Your much Respected Letter of the 5th. of the same Month, in answer whereto, We dont in the least doubt but that the Officers of the said Ship Delawar will inform You that We have given them all the help and assistance We possibly could, and also furnished them with the best of what was here for Repairing and Refitting the said Ship in as expeditious a manner as We could, by which means the said Ship is so well refitted as to be in a Condition safely to proceed on her intended Voyage.

However great our Concern may be on acc^t^. of the accident happened to this ship, yet We are glad She got into this Bay as it has given Us an Opportunity of Shewing you our Esteem and readiness to do you any Service, The Account of the Cost of what Materials have been unavoidably used in refitting the said Ship agreeable to Your desire and with the favourable Permission of the Honourable and Worshipfull John Gideon Loften Esqr. Extraordinary Councellor of the Netherlands India and Govr. of Celone, shall be forwarded thither by the first opportunity which Your Honour will please to settle with the Honble and Worshipfull the Govr. on the Coast of Choromandel.

We hope Your Honour will be pleased with what We have done, and We have the Honour to be with the Greatest esteem.

Gale
the 6 Febry. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your ready Servants
C^s^. D. Jong.
N^s^. Hoepels.
A. Rein.
C. V. Dam.
J. C^s^.Schuetze.
J^s^. Blaawwestein.

P.S.—We have the Honour to send You herewith for your inspection an Acc^t^. of the Materials employ'd on the said Ship Delawar.

No. 64.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In my last dated the 5th. Ultimo wherein I acquainted Your Honour with the Dispatch of the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon with Chests of Arms being part of the Trade for Madagascar, as much as We could Venture to put in her, as also of the Indisposition of Captain Dominicus.

I am sorry to acquaint Your Honours now that on the 12th. Ultimo he departed this Life much Regretted by all on Board.

On the Eight of this Month he drawed on Your Honour &ca. for one thousand seventy five Rix Dollars for the Use of the Ship Delawar, Payable to the Govr. of Nagapatam or Order at three days sight, and if any Error should happen in the draught beg Your Honr. will Excuse it, being owing to bad Lenguest not being Capable of making them Understand Us.

Have nothing worthy of Entimating from this Port only the Extrodinary kindness of the Govr. in getting Every thing We wanted for the Use of the Ship.

I shall take all the Care as Possible I can of the Ship and Cargo belonging to the Honble Company, and I intend to sail from hence to morrow if wind and Weather Permits for Bencoolen according to Your Honours Instructions to Capt. Dominicus.

Point De Galle
Febry. 16: 1753.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hble Servant
Thomas Winter.

P.S. have not had time since my Last to look if any thing more was Damaged in the Hold, belonging to the Honble Company but when We come to delivr. our Cargoe at Bencoolen shall give a more fuller acct. of the remainder of the Damage received.

Shipp'd by the Grace of God in good Order and well Conditioned by Captain Abraham Dominicus and Thomas Winter Chief mate of the Ship Delawar, in and upon the good Sloop Called the Dragon belonging to the Honble United East India Company of Merchants of England. Whereof is Master under God for this Present Voyage Ballebou and now riding at an anchor in Point D Galle Harbour on the Island of Ceylone in the East Indies and by Gods Grace bound for Ft. St. George that is to say Thirty six Chests of Arms belonging to the Honble Company as aforesaid being Marked and Number'd as ꝑr. Margent and are to be delivered in like good Order and well Condition'd at the aforesaid Port of Fort St. George the Dangers of the seas only Excepted unto the Right Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Governr. & Council in Witness whereof the Master of the said Sloop hath affirmed to three bills of Laden all of this Tenour and Date the one of which three Bills being accomplished the other two to Stand so God send the good Sloop to her desired Port in Safety amen Dated at Point De Galle 5th. Febry. 1753.

Y

N°. 65.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Consultations and other Monthly Papers for February, being Compleated, We now transmit them to Your Honor &ca. We take leave likewise to acquaint You, that having frequently called of late, on Sadashavarow, &ca. Renters of the Trevenduporum Country, for the half years arrears, which they owe to the Honble Company, but which they have delayed (as yet) paying and having Particularly Pressed them; within these few days they have delivered Us in a Petition, and likewise an account of Damage sustained by their Tenants, which renders it Impossible (as they alledge) for them to receive any Rent, and of Consequence to be able to Pay, they Request therefore of Us to Excuse them, what they Owe, saying they are by no means in a Condition to discharge that Debt; We have deferred giving them any answer, until We are favoured with Your Honour &cs. Directions, relating thereto, and Enclose the Petition, and annexed Papers for Your Inspection and remain with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. hble. Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
April 4th. 1753.

List of Cloth on hand.

At the Washers & Dyers	66	
At the Beaters	3	
		69
Embaled.		
Mss Goods reembaled	26	
Ft. St. David embaled	96	
		122
Bales		191

Postscript

We now Enclose Your Honour &ca. List of Stores Supplyed our Honble Masters Ship Prince George for which We have debted Your Presidency.

To the Worshipll. Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David.

The Humble Petition of the Renters of Trevenduporum Country sheweth

That Your Petitioners having Rented from the Honble Company Trevenduporum Country Commencing from Novr. 1750 and agreeable to their Contract Quarterly paid their Rents till July last 1752 and since July last Your Petitioners. were Obliged to Borrow a Large sum of money not only to Pay the said last Quarters Rent, but to Furnish their Tennants with Materials necessary to Carry on their Farms, as Cattle, seeds, Instruments &c. depending on the Produce from the Said July (2 Months being taken up to prepare the Ground, so that the Harvest usually is in January & February) to Enable Your

Petitioners Tenants to repay the said advances & secure a stock for the succeeding Year, whereby Your Petitoners would have been Capacitated to have discharged the sum Borrowed for their Use, and to have paid the Honble Company, But unhappy for Your Petitioners the Morattas 2 Months before the Usual Harvest Invaded the Land and not only cut, carryed away the forwardest Grain, made havock and destroyed all the Rest, Robbed and Burnt Your Petitioners houses, drove away all their Cattle and took their Instruments & even seeds, besides many Crueltys Inflicted on such they could meet with, which desperate usage has dispersed Your Petitioners poor afflicted Tenants about the Country having neither habitation nor Sustinance for their distressed Familys, these Proceedings Your Petitionrs. have at times Represented to Your Worship, and now it is to Your Petitioners great Concern that Your Worship demands the Rent now due, Therefore they must take the Liberty to represent the Contents of this humble address to Your Worship &cs. reasonable Consideration, that Your Petitioners took the same Farm not in the least doubting of a safe Protection from the Honble Company, but Matters are come to this Lamentable Fate that your Petitioners as before Related are plunged in debt, Rob'd not only of their Produce, but of their further Propertie- Houses Cattle &ca. they presume in regard to their great Sufferings, it is but consistant with Equity and Humanity since they could not have had the Expected Succour from the Honble Company that the Rent now due should be excused them, and that Your Worship &ca. will out of Your humanity Concert such methods of Safety, that they may carry on their Farms in future to be able to Repair in some measure their great Losses, which will in Duty bind your Worship &cs. Petitioners

EVER TO PRAY.

ACCOT CROP, Cut Carried away, made havoc & Destroyed by the Motattas in the Country of Trivendapuram from Janry to Febry 1752/3.

	Garce		Pags.
1 Village called Manemadary.	Pady 28 at P 40 ₽ Gce. ..	1120	
	Worrago 1	30	
	Chollum 1	40	
			1190
1 do Trimaundaady ..	Pady 12 at 40 ₽ do. ..	480	
	Worrago 2 at 30 ₽ do. ..	60	
	Chollum 1	40	
			580
1 do Woattarry	Paddy 12 at 40 ₽ Do. ..	480	
	Worrago 1	30	
	Chollum & Netchiny 1 ..	40	
			550
1 Trivendapuram	Paddy 1	40	
	Worrago 2 at 30 ₽ Do. ..	60	
	Chollum & Natching 2 at ₽ 40 ..	80	
	Hrse. Gram &ca. 3/4 at 30 ₽ Do.	37 1/2	
			217½
1 Keelacopang..	Paddy 1	40	
	Worrago 1	30	
	Chollum & Natching 1 1/2 at 40 ₽Do.	60	
	Hrse. Gram &c 1 1/4 at 50 ₽Do.	62 1/2	
			192 1/2
1 Sunderwandy.	Paddy 2 at 40 .. .. Do.	80	
	Worrago 1	30	
	Chollum & Natching 3 at 40 .. Do.	120	
	Hs. Gram &c. ¾ at 50 .. Do.	37½	
			267½

1 Vargalpetta ..	Paddy	.. 10	@	40 ꝑ	Gce.	400	
	Worrago ..	.. 2	@	30	Do.	60	
	Chollum & Natching..	1	..	..	..	40	
	Gn. Gram &c.	.. 1	..	..	..	50	
							550
1 Murdand ..	Paddy	.. 25	@	40 ꝑ	Do.	1000	
	Chm. & Natching.	.. 2	@	40	Do.	80	
	Gn. Gram &ca.	.. ½	@	50	Do.	25	
							1105
1 Toatapetta ..	Paddy	.. 25	@	40	Do.	1000	
	Worrago ..	.. 1	..	..	..	30	
	Chm. & Natchg.	.. 4	@	40	Do.	160	
	Hrse. Gram &c.	.. ¾	@	50	Do.	37½	
							1227½
1 Alleganettum ..	Paddy	.. 40	@	40	Do.	1600	
	Worrago ..	.. 1½	@	30	Do.	45	
	Chm. & Natchgg.	.. 2	@	40	Do.	80	
	Horse Gram ..	.. ½	@	50	Do.	25	
							1750
1 Ramapuram ..	Paddy	.. 5	@	40	Do.	200	
	Worrago ..	.. 10	@	30	Do.	300	
	Horse Gram ..	.. 5	@	50	Do.	250	
							750
1 Veerapermanellore.	Paddy	.. 45	@	40	Do.	1800	
	Worrago ..	.. 5	@	30	Do.	150	
	Chlm. & Natching ..	.. 3	@	40	Do.	120	
	Hrse. Gram &c.	.. 1¾	@	50	Do.	87½	
							2157½
1 Terteryore ..	Paddy	.. 5	@	40	Do.	200	
	Worrago ..	.. 3	@	30	Do.	90	
	Chlm. & Natchg.	.. 4	@	40	Do.	160	
	Hrs. Gram &c	.. 2	@	50	Do.	100	
							550
1 Mundegapetta ..	Paddy	.. 40	@	40	Do.	1600	
	Worrago ..	.. 8½	@	30	Do.	255	
	Chlm. & Natchg.	.. 5½	@	40	Do.	220	
	Hrse. Gram &c.	.. 1	—	—	—	50	
							2125
1 Nellatore	Paddy	.. 35	@	40	Do.	1400	
	Worrago ..	.. 5	@	30	Do.	150	
	Chm. & Natchg.	.. 5	@	40	Do.	200	
	H se. Gram &c.	.. 2	@	50	Do.	100	
							1850
1 Aulapaukum ..	Paddy	.. 8	@	40	Do.	320	
	Worrago ..	.. ½	@	30	Do.	15	
	Chlm. & Natchg.	.. 1	—	—	—	40	
							375
1 Cumben	Paddy	.. 2	@	40	Do.	80	
	Chollum ..	.. ½	@	40	Do.	20	
							100
1 Nettum	Paddy	.. 1½	@	40	Do.	60	
	Worrago ..	.. ½	@	30	Do.	15	
							75
1 Arriavette ..	Paddy	.. 4	@	40	Do.	160	
	Worrago ..	.. ½	@	30	Do.	15	
	Chm. & Natchg.	.. 4	@	40	Do.	160	
	Hrse. Gram &c.	.. 1	—	—	—	50	
							385

1 Pillaly ..	Paddy ..	8	@	40	₰ Gee.	320	
	Worrago	1	—	—	—	30	
	Chollum & Natching ..	4	@	40	D$^{o.}$	160	
	H^{rse}. Gram &c.	1	—	—	—	50	560
							16657½
1 Pudapetta ..							20
Juncans ..							470
Villages 21.					Pag^{s}. ..		17847½

No. 66.

MADRASPATAM

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.

GOVERNOUR OF THE HONBLE ENGLISH COMPANY

AND TO THE COUNCIL OF POLITY THERE.

HONBLE SIR

We had the Honour yesterday to receive your favour of the 6th. Instant, in answer whereto We are to acquaint You that We have Orders from the Government at Negapatam to receive of You 1075 Ryx Dollars, making together 537½ old three Image Pagodas of 8⅝ Mat which at 8 ₰ Cent amount to 580½ Star Pag^{s}. in which Coin you will Please to pay it; when We receive it we Shall give You a discharge for the Same; in the mean time, after a Friendly tender of Our Service, We remain with Esteem **Translated from the Dutch.**

HONBLE SIR

Your most Obed^{t}. Servants

L^{S}. VERMONT.

J^{BS}. L^{S}. TOPANDER.

PULLIACAT

THE 9TH. APRIL 1753.

No. 67.

MADRASPATNAM

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.

GOV^{R}. OF THE HONBLE ENGLISH COMPANY

& THE COUNCIL OF POLITY.

HONBLE SIR

Yesterday Evening We received Your favour of the 12th. Instant together with five hundred and Eighty Star Pagodas and an half (580½) which We are obliged to You for, and Enclose You a discharge after offering you our Services. We remain with Respect **Translated from the Dutch.**

HONBLE SIR

Your most Obedient Servants

L^{S}. VERMONT.

J^{BS}. L^{S}. TOPANDER.

PULLIACAT

THE 13TH. APRIL 1753.

TRANSLATION of the receipt referred to in the Letter on the other side.

RECEIVED by Us the Underwritten of the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. Govr. of the Honble English Company, and the Council of Polity at Madrass for account of the Netherlands East India Company, for Moneys disbursed for

the use of the English Company Ship Delawar Five hundred and Eighty Star Pagodas and an half, for which this serves as a discharge.

PULIACAT THE 13 APRIL 1753.

L^s. VERMONT.
J^BS. L^s. TOPANDER.

N°. 68.

TO THE HON^BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on You by a Country Ship on which We send you Twenty Camp Kettles, they being but Just brought home the Invoice for them cannot be made out untill our next Letter.

Sixty Barrels of Gunpowder being Sent in from the Powder House & having been proved, the Several Tryals We enclose a List of for Your Hon^r. &c^as. Inspection.

Our want of Cartridge Paper being very great We request the favour of You to send Us a Supply of one hundred Reams when a Conveyance offers, and are with great Respect

FORT S^T. DAVID
THE 12TH. APRIL 1753.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obed^t. hble Serv^ts.

RICH^D. STARKE.
THO^s. COOKE.
[. . .]
ROB^T. SLOPER.
PETER S^T. PAUL.

S^R. A REPORT OF THE PROOF OF POWDER 11th April 1753.

No. B^s.	Nature of Mortar.	What Powd^r.		Wt. Powder.	Weight of the Shell.	Range Yds.	ft.
1	..	Count^s.	Course	1 oz.	..	50	
2	..	D^o.	Fine		..	54	
3	..	D^o.	Course	2 oz.	..	180	
4	1 4½ I^ch.	D^o.	Fine		8¼ lb.	227	
5	..	D^o.	Course ..	3 oz^s.	..	575	
6	..	D^o.	Fine		..	585	

LAW^CE. MERYMAN.

N°. 69.

TO THE HON^BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you last by the Ship Griffin on whom We sent You the Camp Kettles You wrote for in Your favour of the 20th. Ultimo this Encloses Invoice for them.

Richd. Starke Esqr. having paid some Money into Our Cash We have granted him one Set of Bills of Exchange on Your Honr. &ca. as follows.

One Sett of Bills of Exchange for two thousand four hundred and sixty seven Arcot Rupees for so much recd. here of Richd. Starke Esqr.	Ꞃ. 2467.

made Payable to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. or Order at three days Sight.

FORT ST. DAVID
APRIL 14TH. 1753.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. hble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

No. 70.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Serves to Cover Your Honour &ca. the Accounts of this Place for last Month, I shall be greatly obliged to You, if when opportunity offers you will be Pleased to send me the Bale of Perpetuanoes you was so kind to promise me, and the Scales & Triangles.

I am with the Greatest Esteem
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedt. & most obliged hble
Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDAR MALANKA.
APRIL THE 1ST. 1753.

No 71.

TO MR. CHARLES BOURCHIER
SECRETARY AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

Your Letter of the 13th. Instant by Order of the Honble President and Council is just Come to hand & that no time should be lost in answering it I am Directed by the Deputy Govr. &ca. Council to acquaint You (desiring that You Please to inform their Honour &ca. thereof) that on mentioning the St. Helena Stores to Captain Edmund Cooke (in consequence of the General Letter from the Presidency of the 17th. Febry) he informed Our Board that he had Some Stores for St. Helena, sent down to him when he lay at Ingellee, but without Genl. Letter, Invoice or Bill of Lading, that upon asking the Gentleman who came to dispatch him for them, he said he knew no more than he of

any Letter but had Orders given him at Calcutta to see those Stores sent on Board the Admiral Vernon and to tell Captain Cooke that they were for St. Helena, Captain Cooke told Us, that they Consisted of Arrack Sugar Rice and Candles but being ignorant of the Quantitys and they being Stowed away where he could not come at them so as to know whether they agreed with the Bengal Invoices by the Colchester, he requested of Us to let them See the Letter Enclosing those Papers for St. Helena, alledging that it would be of Service to the Company, for altho' they did not agree exactly in Quantity, they however Could know how to bring them to account, his & those of the Colchesters being of the same kind. We made some difficulty of taking it upon us at first but upon his Pressing Us Strongly to it and We then not having time to apply to their Honours &ca. for Directions (that being the day before the Admiral Vernon Sailed) We Consented to let Captain Cooke have the Letter and accordingly We gave it to him Enclosed in one to the Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of St. Helena acquainting them with our reasons for so doing, this is what prevents Us from Complying with their Honour &ca. directions, which the Gentlemen of this Board hope they will not take amiss as the refusing of Captain Cookes request at this time of asking would have appeared to them as a wrong Step, he haveing no other Rule to go by for the delivery of the Stores than the Invoice intended for the like by the Colchester, I have no further to add for the Present but that I am

Sir
Your most Obedt. hble Servt.
Peter St. Paul
Secry.

Fort St. David
the 15th. April 1753.

No. 72.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves only to accompany the Accounts of this Settlement for last Month.

I am with Profound Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed hble Servt.
George Dawson.

Deve Cotah
14th. April 1753.

No. 73.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves to Enclose Duplicate of my last with Journal Parcels & Cash Account for the last Month which being all the Material at present

I Remain
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
the 4th. April 1753.

No. 74.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.

PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF

FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In consequence of the Request We were Obliged to make Your Honour &ca. for a Supply of Money so immediately after you were pleased to send Us two hundred thousand Rupees by Our Honble Masters Ship Admiral Vernon you have furnished Us with a further Sum of one Lack by the Godolphin recommendg. to Us at the same time to be as Frugal as Possible in the disposal of this Money, the Season being so far advanced that You imagined You could not send us any more untill the Arrival of the Expected Shipping from Europe, Yet are We now Obliged through Our necessity to apply to You for a Further and immediate Supply We beg leave to assure You that it is with great unwillingness We make a demand of the kind We should most Gladly lay it aside were it Possible for Us to do it and at the same time prevent Major Lawrence from Calling upon Us so largely for Money for the Payment of the Forces in the Field as he does. The Exigency of our Honble Masters Affairs require him to move the main Body of the Army this day from Trivady and to begin his March tomorrow towards Tritchanopoly, he expects his Stay in that Country will be only two Months but Judging for that Time that all Communication with this Place will be Cutt off he applyed to the Deputy Governour by Letter of Yesterdays date for one hundred Thousand Rupees and Eight Thousand Pagodas being what he represents as absolutely necessary to take with him for the Paymt. of the Army during that Short Stay there, which however he thinks will not be Sufficient should he upon his arrival at that Place find arrears due to the Seapoys which he has reason to apprehend will be the Case. The Deputy Govr. in Council this day has Shewn Us his Letter, when at the same time We Struck the Ballance of our Cash which amounts to no more than twenty two thousand three hundd. and four Pagodas out of which We have agreed to advance him Fifty thousand Rupees and four Thousand Pagodas, which Leaves Us with only six thousand Pagodas for the necessary Expence of our Garrison, for this and the Ensuing Month under these Circumstances our Recour[s]e can only be to Your Honour &ca.; by Our Monthly Cash Accounts You will Please to Observe, that it is the Constant demands of the Military which Oblige us to be thus frequent and Pressing for Money as Our Rents and Revenues would be sufficient to answer Our own Expences, and the supplys You are pleased to furnish Us with from Time to Time would Enable Us to Carry on a large Investment which We are almost Obliged to lay aside the thoughts of for want of a sufficiency of Cash to supply our Merchants with, all these Circumstances, We beg leave to recommend Particularly to Your Honour &cs. attention & hope you will relieve us shortly from the great want We must have for Money by the Commencement of the next Month hoping You will Rest Perswaded that nothing but absolute necessity could oblige us to renew this demand at a Time that We are Certain your Stock of Cash must be low.

We are with Due respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. APRIL 1753.

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

No. 75.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have not been favoured with any Letter from you since We last addressed you and this only waits on you to acquaint you of Our having drawn One Sett of Bills on your Honour &ca. as follows.

On Set Bills of Exchange for four Thousand Arcot Rupees for so much received here of Mr. Peter St. Paul. } Æ. 4000

the same made Payable to Captain Robert Garcoigne Or Order at three days sight.

Fort St. David
April the 27th. 1753.

We are with Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servts.
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

No. 76.

Translated from the Dutch.

Madraspatnam.
To the Honble Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour on the behalf
of the Honble English East India Company
on the Coast of Choromandel, and the
Gentlemen of the Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the accompanying Copy of a Letter We wrote the 10th. Instant to the Govr. and Council of Fort Marlborough it will appear to you that they not satisfied with Publickly underming [*sic*] the Netherlands Company in their Lawfull and exclusive Trade on the West Coast of Sumatra, and doing them all the Prejudice in their Power, have also found means to get possession of the Nagory Natter under the Jurisdiction and obedience of the Netherlands East India Company and under a very specious and unjust Pretext, and worthy to be Related here, have Caused a Settlement to be made and a Fortification Erected there, notwithstanding the Friendly warnings representations and Protestations which were made in due time on behalf of Our Company against so Unjust and Odious a proceeding, supported by these Solid Reasons We summon'd them to proceed no further in this affair but in Consequence to evacuate the said Place and thereby restore the good Frien[d]ship and intelligence that ought to Subsist between the Kingdom of Great Britain and Our Nation which are in such Close Alliance We shall not therefore now take up your time with a Repetition thereof here, but that We may not reproach Ourselves with having neglected and Friendly ways and means of Obtaining Redress We are only now to desire and Exhort you to Interpose your Authority to procure Us Publick and ample Satisfaction, flattering ourselves that your Penetration and Equity is too great not to give immediate Orders for abandoning the said Island and that Every thing be restored and Left in the Condition they were in the year 1748, to which We must add by way of Precaution that in case of a Refusal or

neglect thereof, the importance of the Case and the Consequences that may attend it will oblige Us in the most Solemn manner to Protest against You, and in that Case (which We hope will not happen) We do by these Presents Protest that We will not be answerable but on the Contrary free and in no wise chargeable for any of the Prejudicial Consequences that may attend a further breach between the two Nations. On account of the Particular advantage of the servants at Bencoolen, since We are undoubtedly Obliged to maintain and defend to the utmost of our power the rights and prerogatives of the company We serve against any such attempts.

In other Respects, Please to be Assured, that as soon as this Stumbling Block shall be removed, We on Our Parts shall be ready to Contribute all in our Power to restore, preserve and increase a Mutual Friendship and Harmony between the two Nations all Over India, being with Respect and Sincerity

BATAVIA
THE 20TH. OCTOBER 1752.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble & ready Servant[s]

JB. MOSSELL.
JS. V. H. GOLLENESSE.
J. M. CLYSENAER.
A. V. BROYEL.
JB. VN. DN. WAYEN.
P. A. V. D. PARRAS.
JN. V. D. SPAR.
P. V.D. VELDE.
D. VAN RHEDEN.
A. DE NYS.
H. VN. BATEL.

BENCOOLEN
TO THE HONBLE ROBERT HINDLEY ESQR.
GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE
HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN
FORT MARLBOROUGH.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

It is a manifest Truth which you can in no wise pretend to be ignorant of that Our Agents at Padang have never failed protesting & giving Expressive informations from year to year as well Verbally as by Letters Against the Commandrs. of English Ships and Vessels, ever to Carry on a Trade within the Jurisdictions of the Netherland Company, & that We have also advised them that the Countries from the South Corner of Indrapoera to the farthest point of Sinkol to the Northwd. with the Islands over against them have for a long time belonged to the Netherland Company by the means of our Conquests as by Virtue of Contracts and Engagements which have been made even Renewed & Sworn too by the Princes & Rulers of the said Countries & the Inhabitants of the Nogoryen ever since the Year 1664 which Contracts and Engagements not only Contain an explicit Exclusion of all other Nations from trading there, but also acknowledge the Netherland Company to be their Protectors with the most Solemn Promises of faithfullness & Obedience, from which time the said Company have exercised the supreme authority they so lawfully acquired, all which are such Evident & undeniable Truths as can at any time be demonstrated by the most Convincing Proofs as they have for a long time enjoyed the Exercise of Sovereignty undisturbed until the time of Gover. Hurlock who was Openly Protected by the English Companys Agents at Bencoolen & altho in former times it has Often happened That the English Ships either belongg. there

or Elsewhere have Endeavoured to get a Fortune within Our Said Limits by an illicit Trade yet they always took Care to evade Our Netherland Cruisers or Corrupt Our Chiefs by Bribes to Overlook their Trade which is Contrary to the trust reposed in them by their Masters.

To make this Affair appear in the best light the said Gover[r]. Hurlock & the Gent[n]. of his Council have thought Proper to Question the Netherland Companys Right founded as abovementioned of restraining all Persons whatsoever from Trading there except on the Conditions and Subject to the Regulations already made in this Respect or that may hereafter be made, notwithstanding the Warnings & Protests on this Occasion, & altho the same has for many years past been tacitly acknowledged by the English Nation and in Consequence to act as if they imagined Sinkol Natter & Priamong were free Countrys open to everybody and not dependant on any Nation altho the 3 places by Special Contracts, the Originals whereof are yet at Pedang are very expressly Subjected to the Dominion of the Netherlands Company, We say they acted as if they imagined We were Ignorant that men are apt to paint things to their fancy just as they wish them to be a weakness they are much subject to, nevertheless We cannot think that after so many well grounded Demonstrations, Warnings & Protestations you really still remain in that Opinion but We rather think you urge it as the most Plausible Pretence that could be invented to undermine the lawfully acquired exclusive Trade of the Netherland Company by the means of those who either have no fundamental knowledge of Affairs or Suffer themselves to be easily perswaded.

This undermining is made Obvious & plain by sending English Vessels to trade along the said territories & districts of the Netherland Company & by giving Passes for that Purposes not only to particular Chinese Mallay & Javenese inhabitants of Bencoolen but likewise to such Inhabitants of Java and other Places as desired them without making the least Reflection on the Remonstrances & friendly requests of Our Council at Pedang for restraining such illicit Trade, But what is the most daring and which We the least Expected is that People under so specious a pretence and Contrary to their better knowledge endeavour to Varnish and Justify so unlawfull a proceeding as that of invading a Place in time of profound Peace & making themselves masters of the Legal Possessions of an allyed Nation after We had Claimed it, and in a most unjustifiable manner to hazard & Expose his Britanick Majestys Flag which to Our great Surprize We find you have thought proper to do at Natter altho as herein before is alledged that Place is Comprized in the possessions and Subject to the Jurisdiction of the Company which its Situation plainly Shows laying to the Northward of Battakan in the kingdom of Baros which is an ancient subordinate, and all this notwithstanding Our Agents at Pedang by way of Precaution tho' not Obliged to it, had assured you several times that they had taken proper measures and were desirous of Redressing these irregular and out of the way proceedings as well in regard to persons who having usurped the Command set themselves up for Rulers in Opposition to those to whom the Government lawfully belonged, as to those People that had from time to time Crept in and Settled themselves there Contrary to the Prohibition of the aforesaid Company.

'Tis very true, that you yourselves as it seems seeing the weakness and Instability of your unjustified & unjustifiable Conduct, have recourse to an assertion that you were invited by the Inhabitants of Natten, as indeed you find Your Account in Crediting the bare Word of those Usurpers and Rebels that they are under no Contracts or Engagements with any Nation rather than listening to the Contrary assurances given you on our Part but We are in a Condition to Justify by Legal Proofs our Rights and Possessions and to demonstrate that this undertaking is a violent usurpation of the Right of Sovereignty which belongs to the Company on the part of the West Coast of Sumatra.

It is moreover a Clear & demonstrable truth which no bare assertion can invalidate that the Inhabitants of Natten have for a Long time been Subject to the Kingdom of Baros which extends towards Battahan 2½ Miles beyond Natter and is under the Supreme Authority of the Netherlands Company, and that Consequently they can by no means be Considered as a free and independent people not to mention the special acknowledgement thereof, by the Solemn Contracts the Lawfull Chiefs of the Negoryen have Entered into, whence it plainly follows that they were in no wise nor are whenever they please to Swerve from the Obedience they owe to their Lawfull Lords, and from the Right of Sovereignty they invested the Company with as their Governours by Rebelling and Calling in a Foreign Power, much less have they any authority to annul the Right of property which the Company have acquired by force of Arms in that part of the West Coast of Sumatra.

Upon Mr. Hindleys Coming into the management of affairs it was hoped you would have considered with Moderation the ground & Motive of Our repeated Protests and deliberated on the wrong Step taken by the former Mistry that you would have redress'd both and given Us full and Equitable Sattisfaction by abandoning the Portat Natter by withdrawing from the Inhabitants all Assistance and Support in their Rebellion and in no longer Suffering the English Passes to be Missused by Granting them for the purpose of Carrying on a trade to Places within the Limits of the Netherlands Company without Conforming to their Lawfull Restrictions and prohibition of a free trade, Yet Contrary to Expectation We have hitherto heard nothing of it.

And as We are Obliged to maintain and defend to the utmost of Our Power the Lawfully acquired Rights of the Netherland Company which are so Clear & Manifest We must Observe that We look upon the settlement at Natter or in the Territories of the said Company as well as the maintaining and Supporting the Works erected there & the assisting of those Rebellious People Contrary to the Friendly warnings and Protests sent You [. . .] and most unjust opposition to the Friendship and alliance between the English & Netherland Nations, & that such an unlawfull Evasion of one anothers Territories in time of Peace is a direct infringement of the Treatys between the Crown of Great Britain & the Netherland State which on Our Part are Religiously Observed, Wherefore, We, having reflected on the Consequences that may attend this affair, find Ourselves under a necessity to Summon you once more, and by these Presents We do in the Name and on the behalf of the Netherlands East India Company summon you to evacuate the said Place without delay and leave it in its present Condition and finally to forbear all further Correspondence & communication with the same & the Inhabitants & refrain from undermings. the exclusive Trade of the Netherland Company as the only proper & Effectual means of repairing the Breach already made restoring a good understanding between the two Nations in these parts, & preventing further disputes, moreover We are Obliged for the preservation of the Rights & Prerogatives of the said Company in & to the said Lands Towns and Districts thereunto belonging which have been so long possessed without Molestation to Renew Our Protest in the most authentick manner & in the best form, and in that case which We hope will not happen We do by these Presents Protest in the most expressive Manner against all Violent and unjust Proceedings and all bad Consequences which either now, or at any time hereafter may arise therefrom as they will be answerable for the Open infringement and Subversion of the alliance, who shutting their Eyes against truth and Justice have undertaken so rash & unjustifiable an affair without fear of the Indignation of his Majesty the King of Great Britain who has always shewed too great a Regard for uprightness and Justice not to have a proper sense of it, reserving at the same time very expressly to the Netherlands Company the Power & Privelege to revenge the affront Injustice & Injury thereby done them, where & when they shall think Proper. We cannot think the Honble English Companys Orders for Enlargeing their Limits as you say can be Construed to extend so far as to the making themselves Masters right or

Wrong of the Lawfull possessions of the Netherlands Company but on the Contrary trusting in their Equity, We imagine those Orders respect only such Places as are not already in Subjection to others as is Natter which as hereinbefore alledged is subordinate to the Kingdom of Baros in the Metropolis whereof also Called Baros the Company have a Fort and Factory, where not expecting any Molestation from you they thought to have held all that Country in subjection.

Our Resident at Lampongsram has sent Us a Narrative of three of the Inland Inhabitants & of three European Sailors who Served on Board one of the Companys pantjallongs Commanded by one Meyndert whereby We are informed that they sailed in the said pantjallong from Soerabaya towards Bencoolen & when they got to Croe opposite to the Island of Poolo Pesang the Master & three European Sailors together with four Women & a Child who were likewise in the pantjallong went on Board an English Sloop which was lying there perfidiously leaving the said pantjallong in the hands of the English who were on Board & as We take it for Granted that is already arrived with you as well as the Men, We have therefore thought it Proper to send you a Copy of the said narrative for your perusal & to reclaim the said Vessell with her Rich Cargo & the aforementioned people who were on board her & went Over into the English Sloop, desiring in the most Friendly Manner that you will give the necessary Orders for Restoring the one & the other, whereby you will lay Us under an Obligation of returng. you the like Friendship on such Occasions, as We shall be glad in all Circumstances of affairs to prove that We are with great Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

In the Castle at
Batavia
the 10 Octr. a 1752.

Your humble Servts.

Jb. Mossell.
J. V. St. Van Gollenese.
J. M. Cluy Senaar.
A. Van Broyel.
J. Vandes Wayen.
P. A. Vander Parra.
Jn. Vander Spar.
P. Vanden Velde.
D. Van Rhede.
A. De. Nys.
H. W. Van Batel (*in margin*).

This agrees.

Exd.
J. Franmasson.

No. 77.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am this Day Honoured with your Letter dated the 25th. Instant, agreable to which have given Orders, for Cutting One hundred Thousand (100,000) Piles, also a Large Quantity of Erkwood, both which shall be sent you with all Possible Dispatch.

I am with the Greatest Respect,

Deve Cotah

Honble Sir & Sirs

29th. April 1753.

Your most Obedient hble Servant
George Dawson.

N°. 78.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c^A^. Council of
Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having received your favour of the 26th. ultimo by which We are Informed of your Intention of sending us a supply of Money shortly and in the meantime Ours being Entirely Out and having Occasion to Borrow in Order to Carry on the Garrison Expences of this Month, We are obliged to draw on Your Honour &ca. one Sett of Bills of Exchange as follows

One Set Bills of Exchange for four thousand Arcot Rupees for so much received here of Thomas Cooke Esqr. made Payable at three days Sight to John Smith Esqr. Or Order. — Æ. 4000.

Our Monthly Accounts being Just ready to Forward to your Honour &ca. with them you will receive Our answer to your last favour in the mean time We remain with Respect

Fort St. David
May 3D. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

N°. 79.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President and Governour &c. Council of
Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honour &cs. favour of the 26th. Ultimo and are much Concerned that Our Proceedings in regard to the St. Helena Stores and Camp Kettles should Occasion you to Express so great Disatisfaction. Our Reasons for the former are containd in a Letter addressed to your Secretary under date the 15th. Ultimo and as We judge they have been disapproved. We shall in future be Carefull to rectifie that Error in any Case of the like Nature. If the sending you up the Camp Kettles as soon as they were made was a wrong Step in Us, We hope it will be attributed to Our not knowing for what Use your Honr. &ca. intended them, and that your Honr. &ca. may not be deceived in an Opinion of their being made on Purpose you will We hope be referred to Our Answer under date the 29th. March Wherein it will appear that though We had none immediately in store there was some making then out of which We promised to supply you as soon as finished and these the storekeeper Assures Us were set about some time before in Consequence of an Indent sent in by Major Lawrence from Trividy. This Considered, We rely that your Honour &ca. will Change your Sentiments in regard hereto.

Your Honour &ca. may depend on Our paying due Obedience to Your Directions for the sending up Monthly the Journal Parcells of Every Employ as likewise the Copies of them for the year past which last Terminating the 30th. April We Judge it will be agreeable to have them sent at Once in Compleat Books and have therefore given Directions for preparing them accordingly with all diligence Those from the first of May shall be transmitted Monthly agreeable to the Rule now Prescribed.

The Supply of Cash your Honour &c[a]. are pleased to Promise Us will be much wanted as the Ballance remaining this day amounts only to P[s]. 83. 35. 69.

Our Merchants Ballances have been a good deal reduced since the Month of December Andeapah's is in particular which is now no more than Eighteen Thousand five hundred and Eighty Seven Pag[s]. seventeen fanams and fourteen Cash (18587. 17. 14) We are nevertheless using Our Utmost Endeavours to prevail on them to Lessen Them yet more, but the Disturbances of the Country are yet so great as renders all Our Persuasions of little Effect and indeed We cannot take upon us to promise for any of their Performances as long as this argument is so Strongly Subsisting, another great hindrance in this Business is the large Demands that is yet Outstanding in favour of Andeapah's Estate. This We have hitherto Endeavoured to accommodate by mild Methods but being tired out and finding it has been to no purpose We are now determined to take other Measures which We rest perswaded your Honour &c[a]. will not disapprove.

We shall be obliged to you for your Sentiments in regard to the Trevendu-porum Renters that We may know in what manner to adjust their account at the Close of your Books.

The Directions you are pleased to send Us in regard to a Europe ships touching at this Place shall be Punctually Complyed with.

The Deputy Governour having Produced Us a Letter he received last night from Lieutenant Davis at Pondicherry advising that himself with Ensign Cudmore, a Swiss Voluntier and twenty two Private Men having been taken Prisoners at Trividy were Carried in there, few of Them without Wounds, and that M[r]. Dupleix had given them to understand They were to provide themselves with every thing even a Surgeon and Medicines, We have therefore to acquaint you that We have given the Paymaster Directions to Furnish them immediately with Money for their Present Subsistence and have Ordered a surgeon to proceed thither to visit their Wounds We hope this will be approved and Request your Honour &c[a]. will favour Us with your Commands in regard to them.

Inclosed We send your Honour &c[a]. Copy of the Warehousekeepers Report of the Torn Cloth arising on Ship Colchester Cargo also Concerning the Quantity We had before on hand.

The Latter We have Ordered to be sold at Publick Outcry agreeable to the Permission granted Us by your Hon[r]. &c[a]. some time since The Former We shall wait your Directions Concerning.

We herewith and Consultations and other Monthly Papers for March and remain very Respectfully

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S[T]. DAVID

Your most Obed[t]. humble Servants

MAY 4TH. 1753.

RICHARD STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S[T]. PAUL.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At the Washers & Dyers	64
At the Beaters	7
Remaining in the Export Warehouse Embaled ...	122
Bales ...	193

To the Worshll. Richard Starke Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of

Fort St. David.

Worshll. Sir & Sirs

In Consequence of the Reference made by your Worship &ca. in your Report on the Condition of Ship Colchesters Cargo, given into Consultation of the 30th. ultimo wherein it is mention'd that a more Particular account of the Damages sustain'd on the Cloth should be delivered in by me, after the return of the Whole Quantity from the Wash, as therefore it is at Length all brought in, I am accordingly to Present you with a Compleat List of the Torn Cloth arising from the said Cargo, the Total whereof amounts to 109 Corg 19 Ps. of Long Cloth and forty four Corge of Sallempores, besides this, there are a few Pieces of the sundry sorts of Goods that upon Opening the Bales appeared Entirely Rotten and unfit for any service a List whereof is likewise annexed, these last mentioned I am to request your Permission to write off to the account of Profit and Loss, The former I propose with your Worship &cs. approbation to Carry to the Head of Wrappers being the Method Usually taken for all Torn Cloth but as Our remains of that article will hereby be very Considerably augmented. and as the Permission Granted Us by the President and Council last year for the Disposal of a Part of it at Publick Outcry has hitherto been omitted. I now take leave to recommend the Execution thereof to your Consideration. and this more Especially as I am Informed that a good Part of it has been Remaining in the Godown for many Years; It is likewise greatly to be apprehended that the Quantity now arose from the Ship Colchesters Cargo will soon grow Rotten and unfit for any service having received its Damage from Salt Petre, and altho the Cloth has been since Washed, It cannot be Supposed to be Entirely Cleared of it, and being well known to have a very pernicious Quality Your Worship &ca. will hereby doubtless see the Necessity for Disposing of it

I am with Respect
Worshll. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Thos. Cooke

Fort St. David
30th. April 1753.

List of Torn cloth arising on Ship Colchesters Cargo, Vizt.

Fort St. David Long Cloth Fine	1	13	—		
Do. Superfine	—	1	—		
Madapollam Long Cloth fine	1	15	—		
Fort St. George Do. Midling	2	3	—		
Vizagapatam Do. Do.	1	1	—		
Ingeram Do. Do.	1	3	—		
Fort St. George Long Cloth Ordny	3	12	—		
Vizagapatam Do.	2	8	—		
Ingeram Do.	45	12	—		
Madapollam Do.	13	11	—		
Fort St. David Do. Salem	13	13	—		
Do. Do. Chinnamanaickpollam	20	5	—		
Do. Do. Worraiarpollam	2	17	—		
Do. Do. Midling blue	—	5	—		
				109	19
Do. Sallempores Fine	2				
Fort St. George Do. Midling	8				
Fort St. David Do.	4				
Do. Do. Ordny	22				
Vizagapatam Do.	8				
				44	—

LIST OF CLOTH Rotted and unfit for any service, from Ships Colchesters Cargo Vizt.

Fort St. David Long Cloth Salem	1 Piece
Ingeram Do. Fine	2 Do.
Do. Do. Ordy	4 Do.
Vizagapatam Do. Fine	2 Do
Madapollam Do. Ordny	2 Do.
Romalls Matchelypatam	7 Do.
Lampas Morees Fine	6 Do.
Bettelas of 50 Covids	1 Do.
Do. of 40 Do.	3 Do.

No. 80.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed We transmit your Honour &ca. Invoice of the Gunpowder sent to your Presidency on the Chesterfield.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
MARCH 14TH. 1753.

ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
C. MANNINGHAM.
WILLM. FRANKLAND.
WILLM. MACKETT.
EDWD. EYRE.
JN. ZEPH: HOLWELL.

No. 81.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Our last address to you (which was of the 4th. Instant) We then informed you that in Consequence of Lieutenant Davis's Letter We had resolved to send a Surgeon to Pondicherry to visit his and the soldiers Wounds as we had likewise given Orders to the Paymaster to Provide for their subsistence this waits on your Honour &ca. to acquaint You that We accordingly dispatched Mr. Hinchley Surgeons mate in a Massoolah there that night where arriving after the Gates were Shut he remained without the Fort until the Morning when about Six O'Clock he was Conducted to the Guard Room by an Officer & acquainted that Mr. Dupleix was dressing which when done he would send for him, he waited in that Expectation near two hours when the Town Major Came to him from Mr. Dupleix to inform him that he did not think Proper to see him, upon which Mr. Hinchley desired to be Permitted to go where Mr. Davis was which was refused as was he likewise seeing Captain Schaub & acquainted that it was Mr. Dupleix's Orders for him to return hither as fast as Possible adding that Mr. Davis &ca. Should have the Same

Care taken of them as the French Prisoners met with at Trivady, and Should have Sufficient Beetle and Chunam allowed them; Mr. Hinchley finding it was to no purpose to request any further the Seeing of Our Officers came away directly and has given the Account, which We now think Proper to send Your Honour &ca. and hope if you have any directions relating thereto to be favoured with them and are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
7 MAY 1753.

No. 82.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is only to advise you of my having acquainted Captain Pigou with your appointment, Who Leaves this Place tomorrow when Captain Pascal who is arrived here will take Charge of his Command I am with Perfect Regard

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your very Obedt. Hble Servant

GEORGE DAWSON.

DEVE COTAH
7TH. MAY 1753.

No. 83.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 17th. accompanying Ten thousand (10000) Madrass Pagodas ℔ Don Carlos came to hand yesterday, I shall now sett about the Investment in which I hope to give your Honour &ca. full Satisfaction if I am not impeded by the Troubles which seem to be begining by a Disagreemt. between the Nabob and the Rajah who are both Augmenting their Forces.

I have not as yet Obtained from the Rajah a Cowle under his own hand for Coringa Occasioned by the abovementioned affair, but I have paid the Rent for the Last Year for it and have the Proper receipts for the same.

Mr. Calland is arrived at Vizagapatam and I Expect him here daily.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. Servant

FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
THE 26TH. APRIL 1753.

N°. 84.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R.

President and Gov^R. &c^A. Council of Fort S^T. George.

&c^A. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 17th. past by the Don Carlos with Ten thousand (10000) Madrass Pagodas are come safe to hand, for which supply I am greatly Obliged to you, Your Honour &c^a. may be Assured I will not be wanting in my Endeavours to Increase the Investment but the present Scarcity of Copper this way affects Us greatly.

I was in hopes ere this to have received the Bale of Perpetuanoes you was Pleased to promise me in a former Letter.

Herewith Comes the Accounts of this Place for last Month & I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. and most
Obliged humble Servt.
John Andrews.

Bandar Malanka
May the 2^D. 1753.

N°. 85.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R.

Presid^T. & Gov^R. &c^A. Council of

Fort S^T. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been favoured with Your Honour &c^s. Letters of the 18th. March and 17th. Instant, and will pay due Regard to your Directions therein.

M^r. Lewin Smith arrived here the 21st. and returns your Honour &c^a. Thanks for the favour you have shewn him, He will take Charge of the Warehouse the first of next Month and assures you of his greatest Diligence in his Employ.

By the Don Carlos We received the Madrass Pagodas you was pleased to send us together with the supplies for Ingeram and Madapollum, which have been forwarded agreeable to the desire of the Gentlemen there.

Inclosed are Our Monthly Papers,and at the foot hereof is a List of Cloth on hand, altho it be Small We can Assure your Hon^r. &c^a. of its goodness, and We flatter Ourselves with hopes of Our Merchants bringing it in faster the next Month.

Having been disappointed in our Expectations of receiving a Supply of Gunny & Packing Stuff from Bengall, We Shall be Obliged to You if you will be Pleased to Order about a Thousand Gunnies with some good Juit Rope and Twine to be sent Us by any Conveyance which may Offer this way.

We are with great Respect

Vizagapatam

Honble Sir & Sirs

30TH. April 1753.

Your most Obed^t. Hble Servants
George Pigot.
Sam^L. Banks.
J. L. Smith.

LIST OF CLOTH—

	Cor.	
In the Godown White Long Cloth Fine	11	—
D°. Ordry	5	10
At the Wash Long Cloth Fine	2	17
D°. Ordry	23	—
Corge ..	42	7

N°. 86.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a^. Council at
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble & Sirs

We wrote you last under the 17th. Janry. since when is Come to hand your Letter of the 28th. Dec^r^.

The Sloops intended for Bengall will Soon be ready to Sail and by them We shall supply you with as much Gunpowder as can Consistently be spared.

Our Honble Masters Ship the Pelham sail'd from hence for Europe the 6th. Ultimo and the Hector now proceeds to the Mallabar Coast for Compleating her Loading for England. The Royal Duke Sails in Company being destined for Canton.

Should the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry in Consequence of Our Orders send any Foreign Silver to You by the Fort S^t^. David, We request you will Coin it in your Mint and Consign it to the President and Council in Bengall by the first good Conveyance that Offers

We are

Bombay Castle

the 18th. April 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your humble Servants

Rich^d^. Bourchier.
J. Sewell.
H. Symmons.
J. Hodges.
W. A. Price.

N°. 87.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favours of the 11th. and 13th. Instant. We have received the first in due time, and the latter the 16th. at night.

The Outstanding Ballances among the Merchants have frequently obliged us to call upon them but more particularly this last month When We had them before Us in Consultation We then in the strongest Terms expressed our disatisfaction at their not bringing in Cloth and acquainted them that if they did not Use their Endeavours to Clear at least one half of what they Owed (and that immediately) We should be obliged to take such Methods as

would be disagreeable to us though necessary for the security of Our Honble Masters Concerns, they assured us that the Country being so infested by the Morattas was the Reason why they had been so dilatory in bringing in their Cloth, having large Quantitys lying at Salem and other Places which they could not venture to Remove whilst the Risque was so great of its being Seized on, promising Us in the most faithfull manner that was this Obstacle in the least removed We should find that they had not been backward in carrying on the Honble Companys Investment this was what the whole set of Merchants alledged except Andeapah who indeed has allways Urged to us that the difficultys he lay under in Recovering the large Demands due to him from Numshivoy Modelaire and Teneveroy is the Material Reason that prevents him from the Lessening his debt, & has Often Solicited Us for Our Assistance in the Recovery thereof, the Receipt of Your Hon^r^. &c^s^. Favour of the 11th. has Occasioned Our Calling the Merchants again before us this day when on Pressing them in the strongest Terms for the bringing in Cloth they still Assure Us of their Incapacity so long as the troubles in the Neighbourhood Subsist and the Roads Continue to be so infested by the Morattas, since Our discoursing with them last Month We have made Particular Enquiry into the truth of what they alledge regarding the Cloth they have lying at Salem & elsewhere and have Reason to be Satisfied that there actually is belonging to them at those Places the Number of Bales of which they have given Us in a List and which We now Enclose a Copy of for your Honour &c^s^. Inspection as to Andeapah in particular he still applying to Us for assistance in the recovery of his debts in Order to be Enabled to Clear his Ballance, We have directed him to deliver Us in a true State of his Demands which when received We shall transmit to you and wait your further Orders in regard to them should any favourable Opportunity offer so as that the Roads might be safe for Our People to Pass to and fro unmolested We shall not fail to give such Assistance to the Merchants as may Enable them to bring in whatsoever part of the Investment they have lying abroad.

By the List of Cloth on hand at the foot of Our Letter of the 4th. Instant you will Please to Observe the Number of Bales We then had being in all 257 these We shall send up to your Honour &c^a^. by the first good Conveyance that offers as We shall Also hereafter what ever may Come in, though We apprehend We shall be able to make but an Inconsiderable addition to their Number whilst the foregoing difficultys are so strongly subsisting.

In Obedience to Your Honour &c^s^. Direction We have made the Strictest Enquiry We could Possibly into the Nature of Shaik Hussains Escape and having desired the Captain Commandant to Attend Us this day in Consultation and putting such Questions to him as We thought agreeable to the Paragraph in your Letter relating thereto he assures Us that he had not been wanting in his Endeavours to Come to a True knowledge of this affair and gives us (as his general Answer) a Copy of the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry held here the 1st. Instant We transmit the same to your Honour &c^a^. for your Inspection but for the Present can proceed no further in this Business until the arrival of Major Lawrence when Captain Clarke acquaints us a general Court Martial will be held for the Tryal of the Serjeant and the Centinels of the Guard the day Shaick Hussain went away the Report of which when delivered to Us We shall not fail of forwarding to you directly as to any Familiaritys that may have been Used with Shaick Hussain the Commandant assures Us he knows of none, tho' by the Court of Enquiry it appears that the Serjeant and Guard then on Duty were guilty of unpardonable Neglect it having been a Standing Order to see the Prisoners Person every two Hours.

The Remains of Salt Petre now in this Garrison is 1950 Bengall Maunds, of which one hundred and fifty Candy We Judge is as much as Can be worked into Gunpowder at this Place for twelve Months.

We shall Transfer the Ballances due by the Trevenduporum Renters to Our New Set of Books agreeable to your directions.

The Nabobs Account to ultimo April Shall be Compleated and sent up to your Honour &ca. as soon as Possible Our Storekeeper and Military Storekeeper begs leave to assure you that he has his Vouchers ready to Produce at any time you are Pleased to Call upon him for them as well for what has been delivered cut and Expended for the Use of the Nabob as also in Garrison.

Should Our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea or any other for the Coast & Bay touch here We shall Call on the Captains for their Bills of Lading and take out Such Stores as We may be in want of agreeable to your Honour &cs. Permission.

The Deputy Governour has acquainted Us that your Honour &ca. have wrote him a Seperate Letter regarding your directions for his Proceeding to Madrass, & that he has transmitted his answer to You hoping to be favoured with your further sentiments thereon, untill when, he proposes to remain here; should your Honour &ca. still think his Presence necessary he will take the first Opportunity of waiting on you delivering over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. Thomas Cooke &ca. Council who in that Case take Leave to assure you of their Utmost Care and attention in Our Honble Masters Concerns.

Shaick Hussain having left behind him some few Effects We request your Honour &ca. will favour Us with your Orders regarding them.

The Accounts Remains of Military Stores in preparing and shall be transmitted to You as soon as Possible.

The Widow of the late Lieutenant Monachin has presented Us with a Petition a Copy of which We now Enclose to your Honour &ca. and hope to be favour'd with your directions relating thereto and are with due Respect

FORT ST. DAVID
MAY, 19TH. 1753.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hble Servants
RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

TO THE WORSHLL. RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF ANNA MARY MOINICHEN, RELICT OF HENRY A MOINICHEN LIEUTENANT IN THE HONBLE COMPANYS SERVICE

SHEWETH

That since your Worship &cs. Petitioner has been so Unhappy as to loose her husband in Defence of Trivady Fort, by a Fatal Shell thrown in by the Enemy, and as he has left her in a very low Circumstances, with one Child in being, and Pregnant with another, She humbly addresses your Worship &cs. Compassion on this Occasion, to Order her such a Monthly allowance as the Honble Companys Bounty, and Generous Humanity, usually confer on the unfortunate and necessitous Widows of their Officers who have faithfully behaved & bravely Sacrificed their Lives in their Service, which Gracious Beneficence, and Charitable Action to the Widows, and Orphans in their Afflictions, will in Duty bind your Petitioner

EVER TO PRAY.

No. 88.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are favoured with yours of the 16th. Instant Enclosing a Copy of one from our Honble Masters under date the 15th. December 1752. We take leave to assure you that We shall pay due Regard to their and your Orders relating to Colonel Scott and that We shall not be wanting in our Respect towards him or in shewing him whatever he may think proper to Inspect into, in which We shall use no greater delay than is absolutely necessary, that the Winchelsea may proceed to your Presidency as soon as Possible.

The two Coppers being ready shall be sent up to your Honour &ca. by the First Opportunity that Offers We have only to add for the Present that We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. David

Your most Obedt. humble Servts.

May the 22d. 1753.

Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

No. 89.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Twelve Thousand Arcot Rupees having been paid here into Cash We have Granted One Sett Bills of Exchange to the said amount as follows

One Sett Bills of Exchange for Twelve thousand Arcot Rupees for so much recd. here of Linga Chittys Attorneys.	AR. 12,000

made Payable to Linga Chetty Or Order at Ten days sight.

We are with Respect

Fort St. David

Honble Sir & Sirs

23d. May 1753.

Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

No. 90.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to accompany a Boat Loaded with Erkwood, the amount of which together with the Freight is Twenty Six Pagodas, But as your Honour &ca. may Perhaps think that an Exhorbitant Price and my being Obliged to send Cooleys some Miles into the Country to Cut it should be glad to have your Honour &cas. approbation before I send you any more.

The Deputy Govr. and Council of Fort S^{t}. David requesting an account of the Several Charges that Settlement Stands for in my Books, I am now making them out, as soon as which is done, shall be able to send your Hon[our] &c^{s}. the accounts of this Garrison for last Month.

I am with the greatest Respect,
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Servt.
GEORGE DAWSON.

DEVE COTTAH,
21ST. MAY 1753.

N°. 91.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Inclosed is Duplicate of what We wrote You by the Fort S^{t}. David, since when is Come to hand your Favour of the 12th. Febry.

We are sorry that the Commotions on Your Side are not Subsided, and the more so as it is not in Our Power at Present to send you any supplies of Men from hence excepting Topasses who are not to be depended on.

This you will receive by the Syren Sloop built for the Service of Bengall, but We have Ordered her to Call at your Port to deliver five hundred (500) Barrells of Gunpowder, and three thousand (3000) Shott received this season from Europe, which the Court of Directors directed us to send You, Invoice and Bills of Lading come Inclosed.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble servants
RICH^{D}. BOURCHIER &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 6 MAY 1753.

N°. 92.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT AND GOV^{R}. &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you to acquaint you that Our Honble Masters Sloop Syren Imported here from Bombay the 23^{d}. Instant & the Deputy Governour acquainting Us that he proposed to take his Passage for the Presidency by the first Conveyance that Offered We have thought Proper to detain her for that Purpose, and she being to sail Early to morrow Morning he has delivered over the Ballance of the Honble Companys Cash this day to M^{r}. Thomas Cooke as he will the Charge of the Garrison to him &c^{a}. Council. We take leave to remark to you that the Ballance of Cash delivered to M^{r}. Cooke amounts only to seventeen hundred and sixty Pagodas twenty nine Fanams and seventy Six Cash 1760-29-76) which as the Month is so farr Advanced We rely that Your Honour &c^{a}. will take Our immediate want into your most serious Consideration, as We cannot answer for the Consequences attending the Military's remaining unpaid at the beginning of the Month. It has always been with great Difficulty that We had any money paid into Cash for Bills though at five days sight which knowing the Inconveniences your Honour &c^{a}.

have always found in making Us remittances Engaged Us the more willingly to accept of all Offers, but the Restraint now laid on Us by your iate Order not to draw on you under Ten days sight renders Us without hopes of supplying ourselves that way which We think our Duty to acquaint you of, the Paymasters Occasion alone for the Ensuing Month for the Civil and Military will amount to at least Eight Thousand (8000) Pagodas, besides which We have reason to Expect daily Bills that will be drawn On Us by Major Lawrence from Tritchenopoly and may be to a Considerable Amount.

We think it a Proper Opportunity to advise your Honour &c[a]. that Our Garrison is without any store of Grain, which as the Troubles in the Country rather Encrease than diminish We are of Opinion that some Stock should be laid in, and the more Especially at this time, it being uncertain how long the Army may remain at a distance, this We refer to your Honour &c[a]. and should the Providing of a Quantity be approved, it may be done with more Convenience now than sometime hence.

The Captain of the Syren having met with a hard Gale of Wind the 21st. & 22[d]. Instant off Ceylon has delivered Us in a Protest against all Damages that may have happened to his Cargoe an attested Copy of which We now Transmit to your Honour &c[a]. and are with great Respect

FORT S[T]. DAVID
THE 25TH. MAY 1753.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. Humble Servants
RICH[D]. STARKE.
THOM[S]. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S[T]. PAUL.

TO THE WORSH[LL]. RICHARD STARKE ESQ[R].
DEPUTY GOV[R]. &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. DAVID.

WORSH[LL]. SIR & SIRS

Having on Board the Honble Companys Sloop Syren under my Command the Quantity of five hundred Barrells of Gunpowder Laden on Board of Kerby the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq[r]. President and Governour &c[a]. Council of Bombay for and on Acc[t]. of the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq[r]. President and Governour &c[a]. Council of Fort S[t]. George for and on behalf of the Honble United Company of Merchants of Eng[d]. Trading to the East Indies. WHEREAS having met with a hard Gale of Wind the 21st. & 22[d]. Instant Between the Latitudes of 8⁰. and 10⁰. N to the Eastward of the of the Gale therefore I myself and Officer do now Protest against all Damages often full Gives Room to Imagine that the said Cargo of Gunpowder and other Private Goods may have suffered Damage, having found our Deck proved Leaky before the Gale came on, which was stopped at all Times when Opportunity offered, but since which has prevented from doing by the Constancy of the Gale therefore I myself and Officer do now Protest against all Damages of whatsoever kind, that may have happened to the said Cargo in witness whereof We have hereunto sett Our hands on Board the Honble Company's Sloop Syren in Fort S[t]. David Road this 24th. May Anno 1753.

We are with Respect
WORSH[LL]. SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. humble Serv[ts].
PAGE KEBLE.
JOHN STRATTON.

ATTESTED TO BE A TRUE COPY.
℘ PETER S[T]. PAUL.
Secry.

No. 93.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed is Duplicate of what We wrote Your Honour &ca. ₱ Syren Sloop and This you will receive by the Sea Horse, which We have likewise directed to call at your Place to detliver five hundred (500) Barrels of Gun-powder and three thousand (3000) Shott, after which the Master is Ordered to make the Best of his way to Calcutta.

Bombay Castle
the 13th May 1753.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Richd. Bourchier.
J. Sewell.
H. Symmons
Thos. Hodges.
Willm. Hornby.
W. A. Price.

No. 94.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Shirley a Country Ship being Bound to your Presidency We have taken the Opportunity to send your Honr. &ca. by her 61 Chests of Gunpowder as ₱ Invoice and Bill of Lading Enclosed what Further Quantity We can get ready by the Month of September shall then be forwarded to your Honr. &ca. Council.

March 19, 1753.
Fort William

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr.*
E H Cruttenden.
W. Mackett.
Edd. Eyre.

No. 95.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honour &ca. Favours of the 26 & 28 Instant and shall observe your Commands for Landing the Gunpowder on the Expected Sloop from Bombay as likewise from the Ship Shirley should she touch at this Port.

Agreeable to Your permission We have directed a Quantity of Grain to be laid in as Expeditiously as possible.

On the Calcutta Brigantine We send you the two large Coppers lately Indented for by Your Honour &c^a^. as likewise two pair of Europe Bellows they have been in Use sometime in the Carpenters yard, there were none new in Store otherwise We should not have sent those, & should your Hon^r^. &c^a^. be able to supply yourselves out of the Europe Ships, We beg to have these Returned as M^r^. Call Represents to Us they will be much wanted.

We have acquainted Andeapah Moodelaire with the Orders in your Letter of the 26 for having his Cause deferred till the Erection of a Mayors Court, An Answer to which he Intends to deliver Us in Writing. We are nevertheless to acquaint you that before the Receipt of Your said Orders he had delivered into Consultation a Petition setting forth the Nature of his demands, We therefore think Ourselves Obliged to send you a Copy thereof.

M^r^. Cooke has Communicated to Us a Letter received from M^r^. Dawson at Deve Cotah advising of the Enemies having detached a Part of their Force to Verdachelum, in Consideration whereof, as We apprehend their design is to lay siege to that Fort, We have Consulted Captains Clarke and Gardner thereon, who have delivered their Opinion that no Relief can be prudently spared them. The Fort they Represent is already Capable of maintaining itself unless heavy Cannon should be carried before it, in which Case, the small Relief We could send them would be to little Purpose and the situation of it is so distant that Our People would have no Probability of making their Escape, for these Reasons We have thought it adviseable to desist the sending them any Relief.

Our Consultations and Accounts for April are Omitted to be sent you, The Cash Account not being Closed by Reason of the several Ballances that Remain to be paid in for that Month; this We hope Your Honour &c^a^. will dispense with as it is a Usual Practice at this Season the Acc^t^. Remains of Military stores now in Garrison shall be forwarded to you in three or four days.

The admitting again of our Drawing on you at Five Days sight has given Encouragem^t^. for the Paying into Our Cash the following sums for which We have granted Bills on your Honour &c^a^. vizt.

One Set of Bills of Exchange in fav^r^. of Bocunjee Cashedoss for Ten thousand Arcot Rupees paid in by him.	A. R^s^. 10,000
One Ditto in fav^r^. of Alex^r^. Wynch Esqr. for twenty three thousand and four hundred Arcot Rupees for so much paid in here by M^r^. James Rippington.	A. R^s^. 23,400

both setts made Payable at Five days Sight.

We have only further to advise your Honour &c^a^. that Captain John Clarke has this day Resigned his Commission and are with due Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. hble Servants.

THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S^T^. PAUL.

FORT S^T^. DAVID
MAY 31ST. 1753.

No. 96.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Waits on you to acquaint of the arrival of Our Honble Masters Sloop Dragon by whom We received your Favour of the 23d. April enclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for Twelve hundred Quires of Cartridge Paper which We have landed and should now Return her to your Honour &ca. with a Loading of Bales were She in a Condition to go to Sea, but she is so leaky that We are Obliged to have her brought into the River to be repaired which We shall get done as Expeditiously as Possible & then Comply with your Orders in regard to her.

We now Enclose your Honour &ca. Indents for Sundry Stores Civil and Military which We beg your Compliance with as soon as you Conveniently Can We also take leave to remind you of Our Former Request for a supply of Broad Cloth which We are in Great Want of as are We likewise of small Arms a Quantity of which will be of great service to Us at Present.

Having taken an Inventory of Shaick Husseins Effects agreeable to Your Honour &ca. directions We now transmit you a Copy thereof and are with due Respect,

Fort St. David
June the 3d. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

An Inventory of the Effects of Shaick Hussein taken the 1st. June 1753—

1 Brass Bason for Washing hands.
1 Brass Cuspidore.
1 Brass Water Pott.
1 Pewtor Ditto.
1 Bed
4 Pillows.
2 Quilts.
1 Pallempore.
2 Turbands.
2 ℘r. Long Drawers.
2 Coats.
2 Caps.
2 Carpets.
1 Handkerchief.
2 Beetle nut Purses.
1 ℘r. Shoes.
1 Small Lookg. Glass.
One half of a Flask of Rose Water.
10 Candles.
2 Beetle nut Boxes.
1 Cott.
1 Tin Pan.
5 Glasses for Wine.
6 Plates.
1 Hooker &ca. for smoking Tobacco.
Fine Rice 1 Mercal 2 Measures.
Doll 3 Measures.

Ghee 2 seer.
Coarse Wheat Flower 1 Mercal 2 Measures.
a Parcel of Pots and Pans.
1 Fan.

PETER ST. PAUL
Secry.

FORT ST. DAVID
3RD. JUNE 1753.

INDENT OF STORES WANTING AT FORT ST. DAVID FOR THE YEAR 1753.

IRON Barr flat	150 Hundred Weight.
Square Carr	10 Do.
Rod	20 Do.
Hoop	20 Do.
STEEL	5 Do.
NAILS PUMP	½ Do.
Two penny	1 Do.
three	2 Do.
four	3 Do.
Six	3 Do.
Ten	5 Do.
Twenty	5 Do.
Thirty	4 Do.
Forty	5 Do.
Spike	5 Do.
SMITHS TOOLS	
Files of sorts	120 One Hundred Twenty.
Rubbers	12 Twelve.
Rasps	12 Do.
Hand Vices	18 Eighteen
Screw Plates	12 Twelve
Pincers	12 Twelve
Beek Irons	6 Six
Anvils	6 Six
HAMMERS CLAW	48 Forty Eight
Hand Hammers	12 Twelve
Sledge Do	6 Six
TIN WARE Tinn Plates	100 One hundred
OIL Wood	2 Two Jarr
Bengal	10 Ten
ANCHORS from 3 ⊕ to 15 Weight	12 Twelve
GRAPNELS from ½ to 2 ⊕ Do	6 Six
TARR Europe	10 Ten Barrels
Pitch	10 Ten Do.
LINES Log	60 Sixty skains
Hand	20 Twenty Do.
Hamborough	20 Twenty Do.
Deep Sea	10 Ten Do.
SAIL CLOTH—	
Europe Canvas from— No. 1 to 7	60 Bolts
Vitteree	10 Do.
LANTHORNS Dark	12 Twelve
BRASS & COPPER WARE	
Brass Nails	2000 Two thousand

LOCKS Pad	60 Sixty
Stock	18 Eighteen
Chest	12 Twelve
Iron	12 Twelve
STATIONARY WARE	
Royal Paper	8 Rheams
Medium Do	8 Do.
Demy	15 Do.
Post	18 Do.
Fools Cap	20 Do.
Kings Arms	20 Do.
Blue..	1 Do.
CARTRIDGE PAPER	
Europe	2 Do.
Paist Boards	50 Fifty
Quills	1200 Twelve Thousand
Penknives	48 Forty Eight
Scyzars	18 Eighteen Pair
Pencils	180 One hundred Eighty
Rulers	18 Eighteen
VORY	
Folders	18 Do.
Sealing Wax	24 Pound
Wafers	2 Boxes
Pounce	10 Pound
Strops	18 Eighteen
Hones	18 Do.
Sand Boxes	12 Twelve
Red Tapes	60 Pieces
Ink Glasses	36 Thirty six
Fountain Glasses ..	12 Twelve
Ink Powder	60 Papers
COOPERS TOOLS	
Drawing Knives.. ..	6 Six
Brass Cocks	6 Do,
COMPASSES—	
Brass Box	6 Six
Wood Box	6 Do.
Spare Cards	20 Twenty
NAVAL STORES	
Hand Screws	4 Four
SAIL MAKERS UTENSILS	
Palms	60 Sixty
CARPENTERS TOOLS	
Two-foot Rule	12 Twelve
TUNNERS WARE	
Hand Bellows	6 Six

PETER ST. PAUL,
Store Keeper.
FORT ST. DAVID 3rd June 1753.

INDENT of Military Stores Wanting at Fort St David for ye. Year 1753

	No.	
Tann'd Hides	12	Twelve No.
	Ps.	
Flannel	6	Six Pieces
3 Pounder Round Shott	1000	One Thousand No.
6 Do.	1000	One Thousand
Muscov Lanthorns	20	Twenty
Do. Dark	12	Twelve
Powder Horns	20	Twenty
Fire Locks with Bayonets fix'd	500	Five Hundred
	pr.	
Pistolls	50	Fifty Pair
	N	
Horse Carboyns	30	Thirty No.
Bayonets Spare	200	Two hundied
Flints	30000	Thirty thousd. (Musquet)
Drums	12	Twelve

PETER ST. PAUL,
Military Storekr.

No. 97.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Captain Edward Roche having paid into Our Cash the sum of Twelve hundred & forty four Rupees We have granted him one Set of Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ca. as follows.

One Sett of Bills of Exchange for twelve hundred & forty four Arcot Rupees for so much received here of Captain Edward Roche. } Rs. 1244.
made Payable to himself or Order at five days sight.

FORT ST. DAVID
JUNE YE. 6TH. 1753.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servts.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

No. 98.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to Enclose Duplicate of my last with the Journal Parcels and Cash account for the last Month which being all the Material at present I remain,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
10TH. MAY 1753.

N°. 99.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council of
Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 6 Instant We have duely received and this now serves to transmit to you the Military Storekeepers Account of Stores now in Garrison, likewise Invoice for the Coppers & Bellows lately sent You.

Should any of the Expected Shipping from Europe appear in sight of this Place, We shall Endeavour to make them touch here agreeable to your Honour &c^a^. Permission and Observe such Other directions as You are pleased to give Us in regard to them.

We shall not fail to prove the Gunpowder We are to take out of the Shirley and should it turn Out as bad as what you have already received from Bengall it shall be Reserved for Salutes agreeable to your Orders.

As your Honour &c^a^. are pleased to Repeat to Us that You are of Opinion the Mayors Court is the most Proper Place for determining Andeapahs Affair We shall not meddle any further with it.

Our Several Accounts for April being very near Compleated We shall forward them to your Honour &c^a^. with all Possible Diligence and are with due Respect.

Fort S^T^. David
June y^E^. 12 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hble Servants

Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^T^. Paul.

N°. 100.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council of
Fort S^T^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed are the Accounts of this Settlem^t^. for the Month of April last which I should not thus Long have Deferred transmitting had not the Deputy Govr. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David desired me not to draw them Out till I received their Adjustments.

My Accounts for last Month shall be sent your Honour &c^a^. in a few days.

I am with profound Respect,

Deve Cotah

Honble Sir & Sirs

the 12TH. June 1753.

Your most Obed^t^. hble Servant
George Dawson.

N°. 101.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council of
Fort S[t]. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been duely favoured with Your Letter of the 2[d]. Instant ℔ London Sloop and Observe your Honour &c[a]. Remarks of the Late Arrival at Your place of Our Honble Masters Ships the Godolphin, Bombay Castle and Chesterfield and your apprehensions of the Difficulty they will in all Probability meet with in getting their Passage to England. We are sorry it was not in Our Power to have dispatched those Ships from hence, before We did, Our Merchants having Delayed bringing in their Cloth till very late in the Season, for Reasons which We have Informed Our Honble Employers of, But it is with Concern We take Notice that the Admiral Vernon who left this Place so early as the 15th. January and Arrived on Your Coast the Beginning of Febry was not withstanding Detained till the 1st. March which will probably be the Means of her not Reaching England in the time We expected, & Consequently a Great Disappointment to the Honble Company.

Your Honour &ca. may depend upon Our Endeavouring to forward the Ships designed for Your Coast as Early as Possible, but the immediate time We cannot pretend to ascertain, as that must be influenced by the Coming in of Our Investment.

In Respect to what Your Honour &c[a]. write about the Overplus Quantity of Saltpetre We Mentioned the whole of it in Our List of Tonnage because the Ships went from Hence half Laden, not doubting but your Honour &c[a]. were acquainted with the terms of Charterparty by which you had a power of sending it on half Freight if You Esteemed it advantageous the Lading any Bales you might have had, on hand, and the Captains for the Benefit of their Owners would have readily Consented thereto.

The Stores for S[t]. Helena were not mentioned in your letters, as they are no part of the Tonnage, & We have separately advised the Gentlemen of that Island of the Quantity of Stores sent them on Each Ship, We cannot therefore Conceive how this could Lead Your Honour &c[a]. into any Errors.

When the Chesterfield left Us, We could not Possibly Transmit your Honor &c[a]. an Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Gunpowder sent you by her, as part of it did not Arrive in Calcutta till after the Dispatches were gone from hence, nor did We then know the Cost of it, But We forwarded the Invoice by a Country Ship the 14th. Ultimo, so that Your Hon[r]. &c[a]. will be at no loss to give Us Credit for the Amount We sent you another Parcel by the Shirley and are making as much as We can for Your Use to send up in September.

We have received M[r]. Hunters Indent and shall Comply with it as nigh as Possible by a Sloop in the Month of August, till which time it is impossible for a Vessell to proceed to the Negrais & We are apprehensive We shall not be able to prevail on any Artificers who are Chiefly Gentoes to go thither but shall Use Our best Endeavours.

The Reason of Our having sent your Honour &c[a]. no kind of Arms on the Godolphin with the Swiss Company was the distress We ourselves were in for every thing of that kind, scarce having Sufficient for the Use of Our Own Garrison, We cannot thereof Possibly spare your Hon[r]. &c[a]. any at Present from our Own Necessities.

We are now to Request Your Honours &c[a]. will not detain any of the Money the Honble Company may send out this season for the use of this Presi-

dency but on the Contrary forward as Early as Possible some supplies of Treasure.

FORT WILLIAM
APRIL 25 1753.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obed[t]. Humble Servants

ROGER DRAKE, *Jun[r]*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
CHA[S]. MANNINGHAM.
RICH[D]. BECHER.
WILL[M]. FRANKLAND.
WILL[M]. MACKETT.
EDW[D]. EYRE.
J. L. HOLWELL.

N°. 102.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to Enclose Your Honour &c[a]. the Accounts of this Place for last Month, and to Request if any Conveyance should offer to this Place you would be pleased to send me a pair of scales, weights and Triangles;

I am with the greatest Esteem

BANDAR MALANKA

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

JUNE THE 2[D]. 1753.

Your most Obedient and most
Obliged Humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

N°. 103.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF
FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

M[r]. Cooke having this day laid before the Board a draught made on Us by M[r]. Palk for Pagodas five thousand (5000) with one & a half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) ₽ Cent Batta in favour of the Agents of Bocungee Cashedoss which was accepted the 14th. Instant and the time of sight being Expired, and having no money in Cash, In consideration of which to avoid any ill Consequence that might attend by the prolonging of Payment, We have Judged proper to Grant them Bills on Your Honour &c[a]. for the amo[t]. in Rupees @ 388 ₽ % Pagodas being the present Exchange at this Place; We were obliged to turn it into that Specie as the Persons Concerned would not accept them on any other Terms, and We have Reason to think this method will not be disapproved It appearing to us to be rather an advantage to the Company as in all likelihood they will grow Cheap when Our Supply Arrives the Bills are drawn as follows:

ONE SETT Bills of Exchange in favr. of Bocungee Cashedoss for ninteen thousand six hundd. and ninety one Arcot Rupees for value received of his agents here.	A.Rs. 19,691

made payable at Five Days Sight.

We are with the Greatest
Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servants
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 21ST. JUNE 1753.

No. 104.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your honour &ca. Favour of the 21st. May Advising me of a Supply of (10000) Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas sent to Vizagapatam for the Use of this Settlement, came to hand a few days past.

I shall take particular care in keeping the Merchants up to a good sortment but cannot Venture to promise any great Investment On Acct. the Rajah and Nabobs Disagreement The former being determined to Risque a Battle sooner than Comply with the Unreasonable Demands made on him, and has Augmented his Troops to 40,000 Men Part of which lay within Thirty Miles of Peddapore under the Command of Ryaprauze to hinder the Junction of the Nabob's son, who is at Rajahmundrum with the Nabob, and the Rajah himself is at Vizanagrum watching the Nabobs Motions, who is come to Chicakull, which has so Alarmed the whole Country, that the People are all moving to places of Safety. Besides which Copper has been for these Twelve Months past at an Excessive Price and daily grows more so, The Difference of the Exchange being now almost 40 ℔ Cent Occasioned by the Dutch keepg. up these Dubs and Copper and unless a supply of Dubs or Copper is soon brought into the Country the Merchants say it will be impossible for them to make any Contracts; all which I humbly submit to Your Honr. &cs. Consideration, not doubting but you will find out some Expedient to redress this Grievance.

Enclosed Comes Journal Parcels and Cash Account for the last month & I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Servant
FOSS WESTCOTT.

INGERAM
6 JUNE 1753.

No. 105.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

On the 19th. of September We received your Favour of the 10th. August O.S.

We are Obliged to Your Honour &ca. for the News you Communicated, and take this Opportunity of Congratulating You on the Success of the Honble Companys Affairs under your Management.

The accompanying Packet for Our Superiours at Bombay We request Your Honour &ca. will please to forward immediately on its Arrival and the Other for the Honble the Court of Directors by the first Ship dispatched home from your Coast.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. hble Servants

George Scott.
Titus Scott.
S. Evans.

Anjengo
the 28th. May 1753.

No. 106.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Occasion of this address is to acquaint your Honour &ca. that at Day break this Morning, Appeared in the Off in an English Europe Ship. At about sun Rise she was a breast of Puniar River and so near in Shore that her Colours & Pendant were very plainly to be discerned. The Fort hoisted a Whiff and Fired 8 or 9 Shott to bring her too the Ship paid no regard to it And as she Came in sight so Early, prevented Our Orders Getting on Board as the Cattamarans had not got into their Stations, We are very sorry that Our Signals was not Observed and hope Your Honr. &ca. will Call upon the Commander to Answer thereto. We are with Perfect Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedt. hble Servants

Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
22d. June 1753.

No. 107.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed Comes Duplicate of my last This is Chiefly to transmit to You Copy of a Letter I Received from the Chief & Council of Metchlepatam on Account of my having put a stop to the Renters of the Town of Yanam carrying away some Paddy which they had sown on a spot of Ground to which the Renters of Suncrapollam have an Equal Pretension, Declaring at the same time that if they cou'd prove that it was their Property I would immediately deliver it to them to which they Consented, desiring that the Decision might

be made by the Dispondees which was agreed to but some Time Elapsed before they Could be convinced and it was not till a little time since, that they Came and Decided it according to the Enclosed, which is a Copy of what they delivered me & which I submitted to but the Renters of Yanam finding that it went against them said they would not abide by it, but would seek Redress from Mons[r]. Moracen & Council to which place they accordingly went and those Gentlemen thought proper to send me the aforementioned Letter I have not (notwithstanding their Menaces) delivered up the Paddy but shall wait for Your Honour &c[s]. Instructions, And as they have told me they shall not receive my Answer unless I will give them the Titles they have prescribed (by which I am hindred from Giving my Reasons) I make no doubt I shall be Honoured with them soon, I remain,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM

Your most obed[t]. Servant

15TH JUNE 1753.

FOSS WESTCOTT.

TRANSLATION.

MAZULIPATAM,
25TH. MAY 1753.

MR. WESTCOTT
CHIEF AT INGERAM.

SIR

The Husbandmen of Yanam are come to make a Complaint to Us of Your having put your Chop on some Heaps of Paddy cut upon Our Lands. We have Reason to be surprized at such an Act of Authority which cannot be accord[g]. to Right, because if the Canton in Question was even in dispute between Our Respective Companys (which is not the Case) it appears to Us that You should have begun by Notifying your Pretensions to Us, We have been time Out of Mind in Possession of the Canton which produced the said Heaps of Paddy; and Our Grant was Confirmed by the Deceased Nizam il Mulck; We know not therefore by what Right you can pretend to take possession of it; We hope that on Receipt of this You will Order your Chop to be taken off & your People to Retire otherwise We Protest against you in the fullest Term making you Answerable for all the Consequences that may Result from your Refusal. We warn You sir that We will not Receive your Answer if you Persist in Refusing Us the Titles due to Us, of which We have given you sufficient Information and that it does not lie with You to Contest them We have the Honour to be

SIR
Your most Obed[t]. huble Servants

MORACIN.
DE LASELLE.
DUPLANT VELAVAL.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM WALAVALA BADRARAZ DASAPONDEY OF INGERAM AND MUREMELLA COUNTRY AND PAINDA CONDA CHINNARASYIA OF MUTTA WEPPANGALL TO MR. FOSS WESTCOTT CHIEF OF INGERAM.

You was pleased to write Us to decide the disputes Relating to the Ground lying between Sancarapalam and Caperpalam and then to Remove from thence, agreeable to which we went and Survey'd the Limits and found that after every one had his respective Padyfield & maniams alias gift Lands in the said villages there Remained a Piece of Vacant Ground which had never been Cultivated and which Vacant Ground lay intermixed in such manner that We could not Determine to what village it belonged, now We have therefore examined it in some

Measure and according to the best of our Knowledge fixed Land Marks to the satisfaction of the Contending Parties who Ought to act accordingly if not, Let them keep the said Ground for Pasture.

Signed by Badraraz.
The Mark X of Chinnarasyia.

No. 108.

To The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to acquaint your Honr. &ca. of the Deputy Governours Arrival here Yesterday morning in a Mussoolah having Left the Sloop off Allamparwe Mr. Cooke has this day delivered over the Ballance of Cash Amounting to Pags. 224. 29. 75.

We shall Endeavour to Comply Punctually with the Directions Contained in Our Honble Masters List of Investment.

The Dragon Sloop being repaired We have thought necessary to station her in 15th. Fathom Water with Copys of Our Orders to the Commanders of such Europe Ships as may hereafter Come in sight of this Port there are besides six Cattamarans appointed for the same Purpose in Different Stations.

We are with great Respect,

Fort St. David

Honble Sir & Sirs

June the 25th. 1753.

Your most Obedt. Humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Peter St. Paul.
Robert Sloper.

No. 109.

To The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Purposely Accompanys the Accounts & Papers of this Settlement for last Month.

I am with Perfect Regard

Deve Cotah

Honble Sir & Sirs

the 20th. June 1753.

Your most Obedt. hble. Servant
George Dawson.

N°. 110.

To The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort
St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have the Honour of Your Favour dated the 18th. Instant, in Answer to which am to acquaint your Honr. &ca. that there is in store & always have been in this Garrison Twenty Garce of Paddy which used to be sold Out yearly and a fresh stock bought in.

My Account Remains of Military Stores with the Accounts of this Settlement for the Month shall be sent You in a few days.

Inclosed is a Correct Return of this Garrison.

I am with the Greatest Respect,
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hble. Servant
George Dawsonne.

Deve Cotah
26th. June 1753.

N°. 111.

To The Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our April Accounts & Consultations being Closed are now Transmitted to Your Honour &ca. the Journal Parcels for May are Copying & will accompany Our Next.

The Deputy Governour has Communicated a Letter he has received from the Master of the Sloop Syren by which We find that he was in sight of Sadrass the 28th Ultimo & Dispairs of Arriving here till the Wind & Current Changes and unless We send him some Provisions he will be Obliged to put back to Your Place, We have therefore directed a Supply to be immediately dispatched and as your Honour &ca. are sensible how greatly Our distress of Cash is increased by her Absence We take leave to Request you will Favour Us with Your sentiments Whether We may Order a Part of her Treasure to be delivered to a Mussoolah and brought to us We apprehend by that Method it would come to hand much sooner and as We are now unable to answer the Demands of the Garrison Obliges Us to Offer it to your Consideration If not approved We must Rely on your Sending Us a farther Supply in Bills.

The Term of Our Ground Rent Expiring the 12th. of this Instant N.S. We have let Out that Farm again for another Five Years to the same Persons for Four thousand five hundred Pags. ℔ annum Pags. (4500) being the Price Offered by other Bidders which being Pags. five hundred (500) better than the last We hope it will Merit your Approbation.

Cawn Moodelaire having delivered us in his answer to your Honour &ca. Command regarding his Brother Andeapah Moodelaire We could not Refuse Receiving it and sending you a copy thereof which comes inclosed As you have been pleased to direct Us not to interfere any more in that Affair We shall not presume to act in it without Your further Directions, however as your Honour &ca. have but very lately taken Notice of the Large Ballance that is due from him & desired Us by all means to get it Lessened. It Obliges us to Remonstrate that should he be obliged to wait the process of a Law suit, It will be

utterly out of Our Power to Reduce his debt neither Can We with any Reason Expect it till such time as his disputes are settled and as We cannot hazard the Increasing of them We shall be obliged to avoid making him any further Advance. These Circumstances We think Our Duty to Point Out to your timely Reflection as the Consequence in being dprived of so able an Assistant must Naturally diminish Our Investment very Considerably. We are with great Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID

Your most Obedt. hble. Servants

4 JULY 1753.

RICHD. STARKE
&CA. COUNCIL.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At the Beaters	16
At the Washers	88
At the Dyers	29
Embaled	122
Bales ...	255

TO THE WORSHLL. RICHD. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID
&CA. COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF CAWN MOODELAIRE,

SHEWETH

That the Worshipfull Board was pleased to Order Your Petitioner to appear before them Ultimo May, and acquainted him it was the Honble the President & Councils Opinion that it would be properest to have your Petitioner make his Demand upon Sundry Persons in the Mayors Court of Madrass which is expected will be appointed by the Arrival of the Latter ships and Asked your Petitioner if he was willing but your Petitioner answered he was not; upon which they asked wherefore, therefore your Petitioner requesting to have Liberty to give in his Answer in Writing He therefore now Answers & says

That first he hopes his Honour &ca. will take into Consideration that it clearly appears that the Ballance due to the Honble Company rests upon Teneveroy & Numshaviah Modelary; as Shacup Tomby Teneveroy's Father and the Latter, were the Persons who rec'd all advances for the Investment when Yor. Petirs. Brother Pandarum Modelary resided at Portonovo; that they Carry'd on unknown for some time to yor. Petir. a Private Trade wth. part of the said Advances from which proceeding to this Ballance arose, which when he came to understand severely reprimanded Shacup Tomby; so that he paid in part of the Ballance then out standing and when his Son Tenevaroy succeeded clear'd off a little more and the Remainder which is the present Ballance is still standing; which your Petitioner hopes was a sufficient acknowledging the Debt, and which Mr. Floyer was so perfectly convinc'd of, that when upon a Complaint from your Petitioners Brother of some further Indirect Proceedings of Tenevaroy, set forth in Your Petitioners last Address He was dismiss'd the service; Mr. Floyer promis'd Your Petitioners Brother that he would recover the said Ballance from Tenevaroy & Numshaviah Now as your Petitioner hath Illucidated the Case, by this Impartial Relation,

and doubts not as premention'd but convinc'd this Ballance rests upon Tenevaroy, of which he (Tenevaroy) can't but be self convinc'd but by Equivocations, endeavours to perplex and evade this Just Demand, as he know it fall heavy on his present Circumstances.

Now for having this Matter referr'd to the Mayors Court Your Petitioner with Submission to his Honour &c[a]. hopes & begs that as he is a Company's Merchant, and as this regards the Company's Investment only and no foreign dispute that it may be not referr'd to the Court, and doubts not equity from the Board hereby whose decision he is ready to abide, for if it shou'd be referr'd to the Court his Opponent wou'd have considerably the Advantage of him, tho his Cause is so Just for in process of Law an Oath is often requir'd which it is well known your Petitioners Family never would take upon any consideration; as he believes it not only a great degradation of his Credit but in his Cast there never was any Instance of it among them an Evident Proof in his Brother Pandarum deceased and is well known to several Gentlemen, that tho he was in a just cause, and clearly appeared so to every one, suffered himself to be non suited rather than he would take an Oath which agreeable to the process of Law could not be avoided.

Besides it must give Your Petitioner a very great Impediment in his deligence to the Investment in giving his Attendance to this Vexatious suit and render him in a great Measure incapable of performing his Engagement as it was consider'd when Shepermall Chetty had a dispute with his Consorts the Merchants and went to Madrass was by then Governour orderd back to have it adjusted, here.

Now as your Petitioners family have not only been faithfull but Assiduous in the Company's Service not to mention the favourable Notice the Company was pleas'd to take of your Petitioners Father, therefore Your Petitioner humbly begs this Equity in the Premises that he may not be baffled by the Letigious equivocations of this Opponent, but that the Matter may be decided by the Board here (if his Opponent hath any thing to object) who are the proper Judge of any Differences between their own Merchants and no doubt will be as Conscious of Justice as the Court, which gracious Compliance will in duty bind

Your Petitioner

EVER TO PRAY.

TO THE WORSHIPPFULL
RICHARD STARKE ESQ[R].

WORSHIPFULL SIR

The Boat you went away in having return'd on Board this Morning and inform us of Your safe Arrival was very good News to us. But When I shall have the pleasure of being with you cant possibly say as I see all Endeavours to go to the Southward is fruitless, having Weighed, Two with favourable Winds and stood out but standing in shore lost Ground, and the last Time got to the Northward of the Mallabar Ship so that now am fully resolv'd to lay here till Winds and Current changes, the servants have this Morning got a Passage on Shore hope the provisions You promised to send will be here by the 10th. or 12th. at farthest or must then return. I am with the utmost respect

Syren sloop in sight of
Sadrass Flagstaff.
28 June 1753
Thursday Morning.

WORSHIPFULL SIR
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
PAGE KEBLE.

N°. 112.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you to Acquaint You that Our Honble Master's Ship Portfield Capt. Carteret Le Geyt imported here yesterday Evening as did their Sloop Syren Capt. Page Keble, the former left the Downs the 27th. of Janry. having Your &ca's. Permission to take out such Stores from any of the outward bound ships (that touch at this Port) as We may have occasion for, We shall detain the Portfield a short time for this purpose and after unloading the Military Stores and Treasure from the Syren We shall return her to You with what Bales We have ready. We have no further to add for the present but the Assurance of our being with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. David

Your most and Humble Servants

July the 8: 1753.

Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

N°. 113.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to advise You of having laden on Board the Sloop Marianne bound for your Place a Supply of Six Hundred (600) Piles, and to assure You that I am with the greatest Regard

Honble Sir & Sirs

Deve Cotah

Your very Obedient and most

6th. July 1753.

Humble Servant
George Dawson.

N°. 114.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are favour'd with Yours of the third Instant & should gladly have laid hold of the Permission You were pleas'd to give us therein of sending a Chelinga to the Syren for the Chest of Pagodas had she not arriv'd here the 7th. at Night. We have Landed her Treasure and are getting her Military Stores Shoar the former turns out right. We were in the utmost want of it and this Day have Expended Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Pagodas and Fifty Thousand (50,000) Rupees in the Advances We were immediately oblig'd to make & as We have Reason daily to expect Draughts on us from Major Lawrence, We hope Your Honour &ca. will not take it amiss if we now request another supply before the Close of this Month as We shall Certainly have Occasion for it to carry on the Expences of the next.

Having Called upon Capt. Le Gyet Commander of Our Honble Masters Ship Portfield for his Bill of Lading upon the perusal thereof We find he has no Stores either for Your Presidency or Bengall, We therefore deliver him his dispatches together with this Letter for your Honour &ca.

Agreeable to Your Orders We have called upon Mr. Cooke to take the Oaths of Fidelity which he has done this Day in Council & has named for his Securities in the sum of £ 4000 (as a Member of Your Honr. &ca's. Board) Sambrooke and John Freeman Esqrs.

We are with Respect

FORT ST. DAVID

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

JULY THE 9TH. 1753.

Your most Obedient Hble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

P.S. We are to acquaint Your Honour &ca. We have Landed from the Portfield Twenty Eight Recruits of which one is a Serjeant.

No. 115.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd with Your Letters of the 21st. May and 20 Instant the Treasure which accompany'd the Latter ₽r. the Seashore is landed and as soon as the packing Stuff &c. is Deliver'd we shall give the Master directions to proceed on his Voyage.

Your Honour &ca. may be assur'd of our paying the greatest regard to the directions relating to the Investment as far as concerns the Lengths, Breadths, and Sortments of our Cloth, and We will also promise you that no Endeavours shall be wanting in us to encrease the Quantity, but must own we have but little prospect of Success herein at present. We have been very Strict in our Sortments, and whether it be owing to this or the dearness of Cotton and Scarcity of Copper Money, we can't say; But it is too certain our Merchants are very backward in bringing in the cloth, tho' we can assure you with great truth they have in all other Respects, every indulgence in our power to shew them.

We have set our painters to work and hope their performances will be agreeable to You. With our Bales in September Your Honour &ca. shall have a few Corge as Samples, and as We imagine the more variety in the Patterns the better, We will send You some We have here.

Inclosed are our Monthly Papers with the returns of the Garrison, and at the foot hereof is a List of Cloth on hand. We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM

Your most Obedient hble servants,

27TH. JUNE 1753.

GEORGE PIGOT
SAMUEL BANKS
J. L. SMITH

In the Godown

	Cor.	
Long Cloth fine	11	
Long Cloth Ord^y.	5	10
At the Wash		
Long Cloth fine	5	—
Long Cloth Ord^y.	35	—
In all Cor. ...	56	10

N°. 116.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to Your Orders in your favour of the 10th. Ultimo We now dispatch to you Our Honble Master's Sloop Syren with Eighty Bales of Calicoes being all the Captain cou'd take in the Amount whereof is seven thousand two Hundred and forty one Pagodas Eighteen fanams (7241. 18. —) the Invoice and Bill of Lading came Inclos'd likewise the Copy of a Report which the Captain Commandant has deliver'd into Consultation in Consequence of the Reinforcement set to Major Lawrence a few days past, out of this Garrison, wherein He offers it as his Opinion that as our Strength is so Considerably reduc'd, the French Deserters should be remov'd to some other place, the Prisoners alone being sufficient to employ all our People. We have therefore to recommend the same to Your Consideration and wait Your Directions Concerning them.

We are further to acquaint You that it being absolutely necessary to send a Surgeon with the Detachment, We have Order'd M^r. Archibald Keir, on that service and he requesting of us an advance of Four Month's pay due to him from the Time he was Entertain'd by Your Honour &c^a. We have directed, our Paymaster to comply therewith, as he wou'd not proceed on any other Terms, We hope the same will be approv'd.

The Buchaneer Pieces & Trade Guns You were pleas'd to send us on the Syren have been all serv'd out to the Seapoy's & We having no Musketts with Bayonetts in store for Our Military, We now request Your Honour &c^a. will please to send us by the first Opportunity that Offers Four Hundred Stand of those Arms as We are in great want of them likewise Twenty Thousand Musket Flints, what We have at present by Us being only fit for Carbines and Pistolls.

Our Military Storekeeper has deliver'd us in a List of Several Stores which have been serv'd out heretofore but never yet brought to Acco^t. & as he cannot close his last Years Books until this is properly adjusted, He has requested of Us to give him Directions here in but We have thought it more proper to enclose you a Copy thereof together with his Report, directing him to defer closing his Account remains until We have receiv'd your Honour &c^a. sentiments thereon and are with great respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^t. David

You most Obedient Humble Servants

July the 17th. 1753.

Rich^d. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^t. Paul.

To the Worshipfull Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

As it requir'd immediately for the Good of the Honble Company's as well as the publick services that Major Lawrence should be reinforc'd to the Utmost of our Power (whereby the Garrison has been much weakened) I beg leave to represent to you that it is absolutely necessary to send the French Deserters that are now in Garrison (or may hereafter arrive) to some other Place where they may be secur'd at the Charge of the French Prisoners quite Employs all our Men.

I am

Fort St. David

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

July the 16th. 1753.

Your most Obedient Servant
George Gardiner.

To the Worshipfull Richd. Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

I take the Liberty of Laying before you a list of several Military Stores which have been serv'd out heretofore from time to time but which on preparing to close my last Years Books and taking the Account remains I find have never been charg'd but kept on Memorandum and as all that have been delivered out since I have been in the Employ have been Accounted for I request to be favour'd, with Your Directions in regard to these as I cannot properly transfer my Account remains into the new Books until those Articles in the annexed List are brought under their several heads and not daring to take upon me to do it without first having your Orders to that purpose. I hope to receive the same as soon as Possible & am with due respect,

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Peter St. Paul,
Mily. *St. Kr.*

Fort St. David
July the 16th. 1753.

No. 117.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am obliged by Your favour of the 20th. June, and return you many Thanks for the supply of Ten Thousand (10,000) Pagoda's and the two Bales of Perpetuanoes You have been pleas'd to send me which are come safe to hand; The French have sixteen Merchants in this Country to each of whom they have advanced, Five Thousand Pagodas, they now take all the Cloth they can lay their hands on, without measuring or sorting, this Join'd to the great

scarcity of Copper, (which the Merchants & Weavers complain of as they would of a Famine of Rice makes it very Difficult for me to keep up to any tolerable sortment, I am with the greatest Esteem.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs,

Bandarlanka

July the 4th. 1753.

Your most Obedient & Most Obliged humble Servant,

John Andrews.

No. 118.

To the Hoñble Thomas Saunders
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Accompany the several Accounts of this Settlement for last Month, as also my Account Remains of Military Stores.

I am with the greatest Respect,

Deve Cotah

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

15th. July 1753.

Your most obedt. Humble Servant,

George Dawson.

No. 119.

the Hoñble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

On the 16th. April We receiv'd Your Honour &ca. Favour of the 23d. February.

The Hector arrived here on her way to Bombay, from which place they return'd her back to us on the 30th. April to be dispatch'd for Europe, and she accordingly sail'd hence the 7th. Ultimo with a full Loading of Pepper. The Dorrington sail'd hence so late as We presume she will lay the Rains at Bombay and return again to Bengall in August next. The Pelham was Dispatch'd hence to fill up at Anjengo for Great Brittain, and sail'd thence the 7th. April, as did the Royal Duke from hence for China the 4th. Ultimo, with the full Quantity of Sandall directed by our Superiors to be provided for her.

The Letter for the Governour & Council at Bombay which your Honour &ca. Enclosed to us was duly forwarded. We now enclose You our Anual Advices to that Presidency, and request your Care in forwarding them by the first Conveyance, & remain very Respectfully.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Tellechery

Your most humble servants

10th. June 1753.

Thos. Satchwell.
Peter Edwin Wrench.
T. Dorrill.

N°. 120.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last under the 28 Ult°. Chiefly to give Cover to a Packet to the Honble the Court of Directors, and Advices to our Superiors at Bombay; And this serves to accompany Duplicate of said Advices to that Presidency. which We request your Honour &c^a^. will please to forward thither immediately on its Arrival with You, And are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants

Anjengo
the 30th. June 1753.

George Pigot.
Titus Scott.
S. Evans.

N°. 121.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Consultation's & Monthly Accounts for May being finished this serves to Accompany them to your Honour &c^a^. from us who are with great Respect,

Fort S^t^. David
July the 19th. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Richard Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

List of cloth on hand Madrass, Goods.—

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N°. 122.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits upon You only to Inform you that Coll^l^. Scott in our Honble Master's Ship Winchelsea Imported here this Evening.

Fort S^t^. David
July the 24th. 1753.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Richard Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

N°. 123.

To the Hon͂ble Thomas Saunders Esq^{R}.

President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs

The Shirly having Imported here this waits on You to Acquaint You that We have Landed her Gunpowder, which being in very bad Condition We have Order'd a Survey on it immediately & so soon as the Report is given in We shall transmit a Copy of it to You. We shall address Your Honour &c^{a}. at large over Land & are with great Respect

Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^{T}. David

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

July the 26TH. 1753.

Rich^{D}. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter S^{T}. Paul.

N°. 124.

To the Hon͂ble Thomas Saunders Esq^{R}.

President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs

The Portfield Arriving here this Morning brought Your Honour &c^{a}. favour of the 18th. As the sending of the Troops, she has on board to Deve Cotah will facilitate their March towards the Army; We have thought it proper to Order that Ship to proceed immediately thither and after Landing the Men to return to us. A material Reason for our so doing is from a Rumour that a party of the Enemy's Forces are Crossed the Coleron whose Intentions by Report are to Beseige that Fort but this We cannot pretend to Affirm having received no Account as Yet from M^{r}. Dawson. We are likewise advised of the Arrival of the Falmouth and Egmont at your Place by whom as You have receiv'd a farther Number of Recruits which We have Reason to Judge Your Honour &c^{a}. will be desirous shou'd Join this Detachment before they proceed on their intended March, We have determined giving Capt. Ridge Instructions to wait at Deve Cotah till We are furnish'd with Your Honour &c^{a}. Further Orders. We have landed forty nine Swiss from the Winchelsea which as the Portfield cannot take on board We have agreed on sending to Deve Cotah by Chelingahs in her Company. We hope this will meet with your Approbation and that We shall be speedily favour'd with your Directions, Captain Ridge Attending us in Consultation has represented the great Danger of desertion in his March which He knows no method to prevent unless he is Joyn'd by a Party of Seapoys. We have none that We can possibly spare him out of our Garrison, but believe some might be rais'd with Expedition if your Honour &c. think proper to direct. We are with Respect

Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^{T}. David

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

July the 26TH. 1753.

Rich^{D}. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Rob^{T}. Sloper.
Peter S^{T}. Paul.

No. 125.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Gunpowder ꝑ Shirly having been prov'd & the Report deliver'd in to Us now transmit a Copy thereon to Your Honour &c. and are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
July the 27th. 1753.

A report of the Proof of Powder as follows.

Number of Chest.	Nature of Mortar.	What Powder.	Quantity Powder.	Weight of the shell.	Range yards.
1	..	..	..	..	14
2	..	..	..	..	18
3	..	..	..	..	13
4	..	..	..	..	26
5	..	..	..	..	17
6	..	..	..	..	15
7	..	..	..	..	15
8	..	..	..	..	17
9	..	..	..	..	17
10	..	..	..	..	19
11	..	..	..	..	14
12	..	..	..	..	21
13	..	..	..	..	26
14	..	..	..	..	22
15	..	..	..	..	16
16	..	..	..	..	24
17	..	..	..	..	21
18	..	..	..	..	16
19	..	..	..	..	16
20	..	..	..	..	25
21	..	..	..	..	23
22	..	..	..	..	50
23	..	..	..	..	18
24	..	..	..	..	25
25	..	..	..	..	23
26	..	..	..	..	25
27 }	4½ Inch	Bengall Course	} 1Oz	} 8¼ lb	42
28 }	..	..	..	..	15
29	..	..	..	..	36
30	..	..	..	..	50
31	..	..	..	..	25
32	..	..	..	..	21
33	..	..	..	..	12
34	..	..	..	..	21
35	..	..	..	..	14
36	..	..	..	..	18
37	..	..	..	..	15
38	..	..	..	..	36
39	..	..	..	..	14
40	..	..	..	..	18
41	..	..	..	..	19
42	..	..	..	..	50
43	..	..	..	..	21

Number of Chest.	Nature of Mortar.	What Powder.	Quantity Powder.	Weight of the shell.	Range yards.
44	..	..	..	..	15
45	..	..	..	..	18
46	..	..	..	..	12
1	..	..	..	..	24
2	..	..	..	..	16
3	..	..	..	..	19
4	..	..	..	..	10
5	..	..	..	..	24
6	..	..	..	..	15
7	..	} Do. Fine	{ ..	..	18
8	..		..	..	14
9	..	..	..	..	23
10	..	..	..	..	25
11	..	..	..	..	22
12	..	..	..	..	24
13	..	..	..	..	27
14	..	..	..	..	14
15	..	..	..	..	28

LAW^CE. MERRYMAN.
JOHN CALL.

No. 126.

TO THE HON^BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

The Superior of the Missions at Pondicherry having transmitted to Us his Answer to the Letter We sent him by your Honour &c^a. Directions, We now enclose the same to You together with a Copy of what he has Wrote Us on that Account & are with great Respect

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S^T. DAVID

Your most Obedient humble Servants

JULY THE 28^HT. 1753.

RICH^D. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER S^T. PAUL.

(Translation)

GENTLEMEN

I have a due sense of the obliging Regard you have shewn to us and take the Liberty, which Yourselves Gentlemen empower me to do, to forward through your Hands my Answer to the Letter which the Governour of Madrass had the Goodness to order to be wrote me to give him the Satisfaction he requires. I have sent with the said Answer the Original Obligation of the Interests, which he is willing to clear, with our Missionarys in China. I make bold Gentlemen to request that you will take cognizance of this Obligation, and be pleased to certify to me that it had pass'd through your Hands to be forwarded to Fort S^t. George M^r. Schaub who honours me with his Services & is now with you Gentlemen will take Charge I hope with pleasure of this Certificate. The only Reason that makes me Anxious about this security, is in case any Accident should happen to the said Act on the Road and I not be able to prove that is out of my hands unless You Gentlemen were advis'd of its Dispatch.

I shou'd be very glad Gentlemen to be able to give You a Proof with how profound a Respect I have the Honour to be

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant
FR. L. LAVAUX JESUIT
Superior General of the French Jesuits in India.

PONDICHERRY
24TH. JULY 1753.

TO THE GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. DAVID.

(Translation)

REVD. FATHER

I have the Honour to return Your Reverence most humble Thanks for the information you had the Goodness to give us on the part of the Governour of Madrass. If you will be so kind my Reverend Father, to continue your good Offices for the Conclusion of this Affair there is no one to whom I would more willingly commit our Concerns than to You. The Confidence I have in your Charity is the Occasion that I do not even wait your Reverences Answer to transmit You the Acknowledgment you tell me is Necessary for the receiving the Capitall which the Company is willing to Discharge, I forward this Act through the hands of the Governour of Cuddalore, that it may be prov'd that it is out of my Hands in Case any Accident, should happen on the Road to Madrass. The Expiration of the Bond, my Revd. Father is the first of April, the Last Payment was made in 1746 so that there were seven Years Arrears due last April If the Governour would please to discharge the money that is due to us at Fort St. David it would be much more convenient for remitting it hither Otherwise as soon as your Reverence shall have receiv'd payment in our Name, to whom I give full Power begging You will take it upon You, you will have the Goodness to Advise us and We will endeavour at some means of getting it hither I wish it was in my Power to give you Reverence a Proof of the deep sense I have of your good Offices, the pleasure I shou'd take in any Opportunity of retaliating them, and the profound Respect with which I have the Honour to be Revd. Father

Your Reverences most Obedient Humble Servant,
FR. L. LAVAUX S.J.,
Superior General of the French Jesuits in India.

PONDICHERRY
24TH. JULY 1753.

TO THE REVD. FATHER SEVERINI APOSTOLICK MISSIONARY
AND SUPERIOR OF THE R.P. P.P. CAPUCHINS AT
MADRASS.

No. 127.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd comes Duplicate of my last with Journal Parcells & Cash Accot. for last Month.

I am very sorry to inform your Honour &ca. that my Investment goes on but very slowly by reason of the scarcity of Dubbs and the Apprehensions the Weavers are under of being Daily Plundered either by the Raiah's or Nabob's

Party. We have Hourly Advice of Burning some Town or other to the Northward & how long it will be before they begin this Way I cannot say, but believe very soon as the Nabob's Son assisted by Hussain Alley beg, laid seige to the Fort of Salinga about 20 Miles to the Northward of Peddapore about 3 days past, which if they are successfull in, they will immediately fall to plundering all the Towns & Country under the Rajah hereabouts; The largest Quantity of Bales, I can venture to assure Your Honour &c^a^. by the last of August, both White & Brown will not exceed (200) two Hundred large Quantitys of Cloth have been brought in, but of no better Manufacture, than the last Year & on that Acco^t^. Rejected, at the foot hereof is the Account of Cloth on hand & I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ingeram

Your most Obedient Servant

7 July 1753.

Foss Westcott.

N°. 128.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on You by our Honble Masters Ship Winchelsea on which Colonel Scott takes his Passage for your Presidency, during his stay here We have endeavour'd as far as lay in our Power to treat him in the Manner Our Honble Masters and your Honours &c. have been pleas'd to Direct & have neglected nothing wherein We could shew him the Regard due to his station and Abilities. He has taken a survey of our Fortifications and Particularly Examin'd the Works that are Carrying on, which he Directs should be Continued in the same Manner they have been begun, as they are hitherto Executed agreeable to M^r^. Robins^s^. Plan's which were shewn him by our Honble Masters & were Approv'd of by them.

We have landed from the Winchelsea Fifty (50) Pipes of Madeira Wine Agreeable to your Permission Likewise thirty (30) Barrels of Gunpowder & three Hundred Piggs of Lead Weighing 423 Cws 25 lb for which the Captain will produce our Certificates. We should have taken out more of the latter Article it being much wanted, had not the Captain represented it as very difficult to be got at he has landed here Six Pipes & four Hogshead of Madeira, None has come ashore from any of his Officer's.

We take this opportunity of Acknowledging the receipt of your Honour &c^a^. favour of the 19th. & 26th. Inst'^s^. to both which We now reply. You are pleas'd to Express much Surprise at our Supineness in not sending a Supply of Provisions to the Syren Sloop by the Returning Boat which brought the Deputy Governour; We are therefore to enclose a Copy of the Memorandum which Captain Keble gave him when he left the Sloop also a Letter he received from him afterwards the former whereof will shew it was the Master's desire that the Provisions should not be dispatch'd till the 5th. when he would take care to be in Shore to prevent its passing the other bearing Date the 28th. Intimates that having put ashoar the Servants who were Passenger's he was Capable of making a shift untill the 10th. or 12th. of this Instant, of which as were timely Apprised and well knowing that a Boat would be able to reach him in twelve hours, We could see no manner of need for Dispatching it sooner than We did, more Especially as We had so much reason to hope for her Arrival with us Every Hour and as to the Boat which Captain Keble might have mentioned to be return'd without the Provisions. If any thing appears

surprising in that, We must acquaint You that it was a Sadrass Boat returning to that Place and We were no ways acquainted of her Intentions to call on board the Sloop in her Way back; had your Honour &c. known these Circumstances We are well assur'd you would have spared mentioning any extraordinary surprise at this Particular, and if We were not sufficiently Early in our Application to you for Permitting us to send a Boat for the Treasure, We must answer to this. As our Distress for Money could not but be Equally known to You as Ourselves We were consequently to expect that if such a Method had been approv'd as thought necessary Your Honour &ca. would not have fail'd sending us timely Directions for the Execution of it and as We have more Instances than one wherein you have thought us too Officious, it cannot surprise you that We were unwilling to be thought so again: this Consideration led us to wait till the 4th. Instant; when as no Instruction's were come to hand from You, It became absolutely necessary to consult on some method, the Result of which was to request your Permission for sending a Boat to bring away the Treasure, Judging it a step of too Weighty a Consequence to be undertaken by us without Special Authority. And this as we observ'd being done and Dispatched the 4th. We hope you will be throughly Satisfied that neither the Presidents Letter to Mr. Starke dated the 3rd. or Your General Letter to Us were then receiv'd, so that We could not be in the least Apprised of any such Orders being intended us. We are much Concern'd to find your Honour &ca. should see Occasion to Express such low Sentiments on our Argument regarding Cawn Modeliar and the debts due to him: All We took leave to Point out to your Reflection was the tedious Time it would take him up to procure Redress at Law, and as he has no method of Reducing his Ballance till those Debts are Collected, the Investment must consequently suffer by the Loss of such an able hand, however Childish it may Appear to You, this is what We thought our Duty to remark and is what We must still persist in as the Certain Effect attending it. Nevertheless as You seem to be yet unacquainted with the Amount of his Demands or even the nature of them, We shall Endeavour to give you a further Explanation of them at another Opportunity.

The Portfield is returnd from Deva Cotah where she has Landed the Military and is now sending her Iron & Gunpowder ashore which so soon as Compleated We shall dispatch her back to your Honour &ca. and are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants,
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
July the 31st. 1753.

To the Worshipfull Richard Starke Esqr.

Worshipfull Sir,

The Boat you went away in having return'd on Board this Morning and inform'd us of your safe Arrival was very good News to us. But when I shall have the Pleasure of being with You can't possibly say as I see all Endeavours to get to the So.ward is fruitless, having weigh'd twice with favourable Winds and stood out, but standing in shore lost Ground and the last Time got to the No.ward of the Malabar ship so that now am fully resolved to lay here till Winds & Current changes, the servants have this Morning got a Passage on shore hope the Provisions You promis'd to send will be here by the 10th. or 12th. at farthest or must then return.

I am with the most Respect,
Worshipfull Sir,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Page Keble.

I have wrote to the Governour at Madras to let him know our situation.

SYREN Sloop in sight of
Sadrass Flag Staff.
28TH. JUNE 1753.
THURSDAY MORNING.

Copy.

MEMORANDUM

In case ye. Syren Sloop does not arrive at Fort St. David before the 4th. of July please to send along shore in a Boat five or six Hhds. of Water Five Bengall Bags of Rice & One Bag of Doll & four hundred Bills of Wood and the fifth I will take care to be in shore.

Copy.

No. 129.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 10th. ultimo came to hand the 8th. Instant. At present we have no prospect of being able to provide Tonnage for more than one ship, which at Least We may expect from Bombay, But if contrary to appearances & our Expectations We should hereafter have any Quantity of Surplus Tonnage your Honour &c. as well as our Superiors at Bombay, shall be duly advis'd of it.

We are

ANJENGO

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 20TH. JULY 1753.

Your most humble Servants
GEORGE SCOTT.
TITUS SCOTT.
J. EVANS.

No. 130.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We take the Opportunity of sending You this Address by our Honble Masters Ship Portfield Accompanying our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for June together with a State of the Increase and Decrease of the Expences in every Imploy Agreable to your late Commands & as our Stock of Cash is reduced to little above four Thousand Pagodas, We must take leave again to represent our want of a speedy supply, particularly for the Use of the Investment, for which Your Honour &c. must know we have not been able to make any advance a considerable Time, and though it must be acknowledg'd that most of our Merchants are sufficiently indebted the only one that We can Confide in for doing any Business during the present Disturbances in the Country is Irshippal Chitty who has long since Reduced his Ballance to a very small sum, It is he therefore that We would willingly encourage by giving him a further advance as soon as We have money to spare. We are likewise endeavouring to Employ the Weavers within our Bounds of whom We have

some hopes that a quantity of long Cloth might be had in readiness for the January Dispatch Were we in a Capacity of making the necessary Advances for that purpose.

We have been favour'd with yor. letter of the 31st. Ultimo & have acquainted Cawn Modelair, Toneveroy Pilla & Numshevay Moodelair of the Limitts Communicated by yor. Honour &c^a^. regarding the Mayor's Court; The former Acquaints us that he would be very willing to abide by an Arbitration would the Parties but choose all their Arbitrator's here on the spot and this he Covet's for no other Reason but as it will be the surer way of coming to a Speedy Decision whereas the Method of Chusing them in distant parts can only be attended with Inconvenience, Expence and Delay perhaps without end. All which he is desirous to avoid & hopes as it is a Method entirely unprecedented, Your Honour &c^a^. will be pleas'd to take this his objection into your farther Consideration.

Captain Ridge's Command have been all Landed at Deva Cotah & We should have Complyed with Your Order's for advising Major Lawrence & waiting his Directions, but the Deputy Governour producing two Letter's from him which he had just receiv'd, wherein he mentions his Apprehension that Morarau will certainly cross the Coleron with Intention to distress the Tanjore Country. He recommends that Deva Cotah be reliev'd with every Man that We can spare, in order to join such Troop's as the King of Tanjore will send to meet them in Order to Annoy the Enemy in those Parts the Deputy Governour will therefore sends Orders Accordingly.

The French Deserter's that We apply'd to You about are sent to Bombay on the Bombay Frigate in Consequence of an Offer which the Captain made us of taking them which as they were an Expence as well as some Danger to us had they Continued here We could not but accept of the Opportunity of being Eas'd of them, Judging it wou'd not fail of being approv'd by your Honor &c^a^.

The Nabob's Account would have been sent You long since but as several Military Stores have been issued on his Account agreeable to the List of Memorandum's already sent You obliges us to wait your Directions concerning them believing it highly proper to be adjusted at the close of our Books.

The Letter Your Honour &c. enclosed for M^r^. Dupleix was Immediately forwarded but no answer received from him.

M^r^. Drake is much obliged for the Honour Conferr'd upon him of appointing him of the Commission to the West Coast, which he would undertake with the greatest Pleasure imaginable but with great concern takes leave to Acquaint You that he is so much out of Order with an indisposition in his Liver that it is well known he has labour'd under for some time past & still continues to that Degree as renders him at Time utterly unfit for Business: As he has thereby too much reason to Apprehend he shall not be able to do his Honourable Master's that Service which the importancy of such an Affair may require he must hope that yor. Honour &c^a^. will not Attribute it to any Design of Pretence, but from a real Regard to the Interest of his Employer's that he begs leave to refer the choice of some other Person to your Consideration, whose better State of health may enable him to execute your Instructions to far greater Satisfaction than he can promise himself; If after this representation (which he thinks his Duty to make) your Honour &c. shall think proper still to insist on his Proceeding he assures You that he shall prepare himself to submit to your Orders but must at least hope to be indemnified should it happen that his Illness (so greatly to be feared from him long and frequent complaints) Incapacitate him from answering the Intentions so fully as may be Expected.

We have landed the several Stores Consign'd in by this Ship also Twenty Barrell's of Gunpowder & Two Thousand four Hundred and Six (2406) Barr^s^.

of Russia Iron Weighing Sixty (60) Tons agreeable to the Copy of the Capt's Bill of Lading for which the Storekeeper has given him a Certificate. We shall be Obliged to you for the Invoice of these Articles as well as for the Madeira Wine &c. Stores Landed from the Winchelsea.

We beg leave to Remind your Honr. &ca. of our General Indent's for Stores Civil & Military which We transmitted You some time Since & are with great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
RICHARD STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
AUGUST THE 8TH. 1753.

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No. 131.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Yesterday's Address ℘ Portfield being somewhat Large Occasion'd us to omit acquainting Your Honour &c. of a Letter which the Deputy Governour presented in Consultation the 6 Instt. from the Masters of Timmeroy Chitty residing at Salem wherein they represent that having many Reason's to suspect the said Timmeroy Chitty has not given proper Attension in their Affair's, or even regarded the Business of our Honble. Master's Investment, they have Judg'd him an improper Person to reside any longer with us and therefore have sent another named Peisha Rama Moodely whom they appoint to Act and take Possession of all their Concerns at this place requesting that Timmeroy Chitty may be sent to them after delivering over all his Accounts to their said Agent now appointed. This letter We had agreed upon transmitting to Your Honour &c. to know if their Request met with your Approbation, but it happening that the said Timmeroy Chitty Dyed the very Night it was presented to Us occasion'd us to Defer our Intention as it became immediately Necessary to send for the Succeeding Person to know if he took upon him to be answerable for the Company's Ballance which as he has readily consented to and acknowledged the Effects of the Deceas'd were duly made over to him, and We hope this Affair will be esteem'd properly settled. We have however to offer to your Honour &c. Consideration the large Quantity of Cloth that his Master's Letter sets forth to have been ready provided these 12 Mos. past which he cannot Risque the sending to Us without an Escort, neither can he take upon him to Dispose of it tho' it is liable to Rott by lying so long on hand without first receiving our Permission, as it was provided on the Honble Company's Account. Nagore Kistna and Rama Chitty who are likewise Salem Merchants have frequently acquainted us that they lay under the same Circumstances and all pray that your Honour &c. will either be pleas'd to Direct a Convoy for it or give them leave to dispose of it to those that will in which case they promise to replace the little quantity of new Cloth

in a reasonable Time. For our parts We should be Excessive Loth to let such a quantity of Cloth Escape our Hands as We have no hopes of making any tolerable Figure in our Investment neither can We in the least Diminish those Merchants Ballances without it. Wherefore those for these Reason's We are strenuously to hope that an Opportunity may offer as the Army returns from the Southward of having it Escorted to us, should your Honour &c. have no particular Reasons to the Contrary We must however Rely that the Proposal at least will convince you of the Attention We bear in our Hon͠ble Master's Concerns in which We have the greater uneasiness to find the disturbed state of the Country prevents our being more usefull.

Mr. John Browning took his passage to your Place on the Portfield in consequence of your Honour &c. Commands having been paid his Diet to the 1st Instant & Salary to the 25 March.

Lieutenant Wm. Keene has presented Us a Petition wherein he requests leave to lay down the Hon͠ble Company's Service a Copy of which We now enclose & beg to be favour'd with your sentiments thereon being with perfect Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. DAVID

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

AUGUST THE 9TH. 1753.

RICHARD STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

To
THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &C. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

As I have had the Misfortune to be so often Superceeded in the Hon͠ble United East India Company's Service Obliges Me to address your Worships in regard to your Approbation of my Resigning my Lieutenants Commission.

I have the Honour to subscribe myself.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS
Your most Devoted & most Obedt. H'ble
Servant
WILLIAM KEENE.

FORT ST. DAVID
AUGUST THE 6TH. 1753.

No. 132.

TO THE HON͠BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON͠BLE SIR & SIRS

Enclos'd is Duplicate of what We wrote Your Honour &c. on the 23d. Ulto. since which We have been favour'd with your Letter of the 12th. Inst. ℘ Sloop Fortune Accompanying our Hon͠ble Masters Orders ℘ Ships Clinton & Suffolk.

By these Commands We are Directed to Act in Concert with Your Honr. &c. in the Desposition & Appointments of our Hon͠ble Master Ships for the Coast & Bay to prevent any Disappointments in shipping to carry home our Respective investments & to have them all Dispatched from India the same

Season they Arrive if Possible. We must therefore request You will advise us as Expeditiously as Possible in what manner You propose disposing any of them that it may be a Guide to us, They have likewise Inform'd Us of their having empower'd You to detain one or more of their Ships to send home Directly from your place if they can be Dispatch'd sooner than, by first coming down to Bengall & We doubt not your Honour &c^a^. will act accordingly if You find it a more Expeditious Method.

Should We find it impossible to send home all the Honble Company's Ships the same Season they Arrive they have recommended Capt. Barron for a Country Voyage, But if he has no Country Voyage he is then to be dispatch'd home the first Ship, We should therefore be glad to know if your Honour &c^a^. wou'd chuse to have him sent to your Presidency to fill up.

It would be very Satisfactory to Us to know what Your Honour &c. intend to do with the Colchester.

Our Honble Masters Acquaint Us they have given You positive Directions to forward hither all the Treasure Consign'd your Presidency by the China as well as Coast & Bay Ships over & above what your Honour &c. may want for your own Occasions. We flatter ourselves therefore that you will be able to Spare Us a handsome Supply.

The Honble Company having resolved that Major Lawrence do not proceed to this Place during Colonel Scott's Stay in India. We doubt not Your Honour &c^a^. are apprised thereof & will pay a due Deference thereto.

We are

FORT WILLIAM

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

MAY 16TH. 1753.

Your obed^t^. Humble Servants
ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
W. CRUTTENDEN.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICH^D^. BECHER.
W. F. FRANKLAND.
W. MACKETT.
EDWARD EYRE.
T. Z. HOLWELL.

N°. 133.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A^. COUNCIL OF
FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

Our last Address to your Honour &c^a^. was Dated the 7th. October, which We are glad to Observe, reach'd You, as well as our Several others, ℘ Brilliant & Bombay Castle, before the Departure of the Delawar, which ship imported here the 5th. Instant and brought us your Commands of the 5th. January Delivered to us by Capt. Thomas Winter, the late Commander having Died before the Ship's leaving Galee to which We now take leave to Reply as well as to acquaint your Honours &c. of the most material Occurrences that have happened in our Honble Masters Affairs at this place since the sailing of the Arcott Snow.

First Concerning Shipping.

2nd. Your Honour &c^a^. will receive this Delawar, which We now dispatch to Batavia having Landed the Several Stores Consign'd hither with as much Expedition as possible the Capt. Acquainting us, that it was absolutely necessary to proceed thither in order for Repair.

3rd. It is with great Concern we must acquaint your Honour &c. that we have seen Nothing of the Ship Success, you were pleas'd to Dispatch hither in March 1752 with Supplies, as well as to hear of the Misfortune that attended their Honour's Snow Brilliant.

4th. Due Regard will be shewn to the 7th. Parag: in regard to purchasing Vessells, on the Honourable Company's Accot.

5th. We are sorry to observe your Honour &c. are Displeas'd at our Loading on Board the Onslow Surplus Tonnage, however We beg leave to assure You, that it was before We had Directions to the Contrary, The Brilliant not Arriving till after the Onslow sailed, therefore flatter Ourselves, that we shall not be Deemed blameable for so doing.

6th. In our last we advised Your Honour &c. that the Exeter, was then under Dispatch for the Northern Settlements She Accordingly sail'd the 13th. October, where after being Detain'd till the 13th. December, by Excessive bad
Tons. cwt. qr. lb
weather return'd hither having recd. 222 1 1 7 Tons of Pepper. We
Tons. cwt. qr. lb.
then put on Board her 30 13 2 9 more from hence & Dispatch'd her the 20th. December to fill up at Manna, with proper Directions to the Resident there, enjoining him strictly to send her away for England the 9th. January, being the Day Limited for her stay on this Coast, but meeting with the same Weather, as she had done to the Northward. Mr. Carter could not Dispatch
Tons. cwt. qr. lb.
her till the 11th. when she sail'd for England with 402 8 — 21 Pepper
Tons. cwt. qr. lb.
being 1 7 3 7 of her Charter party Tonnage which cou'd not be got off to her, tho' several Attempts were Made in which the Boats were all stranded.

8th. On the 8th. November arrived here, a Sloop from Batavia Called the Goudvinck, Rodee Master bounds to Padang And deliver'd us a Letter from the General & Council, which we were obliged to return them, being wrote in the Dutch Tongue, in Order for a Translate on, in French the Master of which Vessell being in Want of Money to Procure necessary's & requesting our Assistance we accordingly advancd him £. 50 on the Honble Netherland's Company's Account and gave due advice of it, to the Gentlemen of Batavia and Padang.

9th. On the 11th. November we dispatch'd the Honble Company's Sloop Swallow to Cawoor in order to Load the Pepper of that Presidency but meeting with bad Weather pass'd her Port, & put in at Pooloo Pesang from which Place We had advice she sail'd the 10th. January being the last Tidings we had of her, and are therefore Apprehensive of her Safety.

10th. The Sloop Mary Sail'd for Nattall the 14th. February with Supplies for that Place which we shall enlarge upon under the proper Head, & from whence We expect her Daily.

11th. The Hon'ble Compnay's Panchallong which We before advised Your Honours &c. to have been set about was Launch'd some Time ago and has been One Trip to Croee and another to Moco Moco, and in all likely hoods will prove a Serviceable Boat.

12th. We shall be very glad to see the Cuddalore here again, and hope your Honr. &ca. will send her, as soon as she is Repair'd for We shall be in great want of her, to get the Pepper from the Southward.

Secondly Goods from Europe Fort St. George or other parts of India.

13th. The Consignment your Honr. &c. were pleas'd to make us on this ship, has been safe landed, and Answer's the Invoice, except the Particulars specified in the enclos'd list.

14th. Agreeable to your Permission We directed Capt. Winter to send on shore, Sundry Articles of the Madagascar Cargoe, as ℘ List enclosed and

Conformable to your Honour &ca. Injunctions shall be expos'd to Publick Sale, such of them as the Company are not in want of.

15TH. These Supply's came very Seasonably and We return your Honour &c. thanks for them which We assure You shall be Husbanded in the best manner We are Capable.

16TH. We shall strictly observe your Commands in the 13th. Parag: both with regard to granting Certificates and taking Treasure out of Europe Ships.

17TH. The Settlement being in great want of Rice and other Stores and Capt. Fernell having a Parcell for sale We Purchased them on account of the Honble Company in October last, the Amount whereof was ℘ 1339—80 which We don't Doubt but will meet with your Honour &ca's. Approbation.

18TH. Under Cover you'll please to Receive an Indent, for what Stores We still stand in Need of, which We humbly request your Honour &ca. will please to comply with by the first Conveyance, especially the Rice, not having receiv'd any which was Indented for ℘ Brilliant We are much afraid shall be Distress'd in a Shirt Time.

19th. Conformable to your Honour &ca. Directions we have put on board the Delawar a Chest of Treasure containing ℘ 4000 and Order'd Capt. Winter to Invest it in Timber Agreeable to the Instructions deliver'd his Predecessor of Fort St. George.

THIRDLY INVESTMENTS AND FOURTHLY COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

20TH. We are sorry to Acquaint your Honour &ca. that since our last, the Resident of Nattall has been continually harass'd with Marms, either from the Dutch coming to revenge some Affronts, they give out to have recd. from the Inhabitants, or from the Atcheneirs, who have reported, that a Number of Vessell's are fitted out, with the Assistance of the King in order to expell the English from those parts, upon which Mr. Marriott sent us an Express in November advising thereof, and Desiring a Recruit of Military with a supply of Powder and Arms for the Defence of the Place. We Accordingly had the Sloop Mary in Readiness to proceed to his Assistance when a Gale of Wind came on in which she lost all her Anchors, and got so much Damage that before she could be repair'd the N.Wt. Monsoon set in Strong, and prevented her sailing untill the 14th. February when We Dispatch'd her with the Supplies he stood in Need of, and enjoin'd him, to give us a full Account of what We might expect, the Inhabitants would do to reimburse the Charge of maintaining the Settlement, in answer to which Mr. Mariott wrote us, a few Days ago, acknowledging the Receipt of the Consignment on the Mary, and that he had summon'd all the Head, in Order to make the Inquiry we had Directed which as soon as he has Accomplished, intends to embark on the Sloop for this Place and lay before us the Intelligence he getts.

21ST. We have not been able hitherto to Get any Satisfaction of the Dutch for the two Praws formerly Cut off or Seizure of the Sloop Surprize tho' we have Wrote the General and Council several Times fully on that Subject however we shall Agreeable to the Honble Company's Injunctions ℘ Exeter Continue by all Opportunities to Demand restitution.

22ND. We shall use our best Endeavours to obtain Information of the Conduct of the Dutch at Banjar as well as sound the Inclination of the Natives in Order to find How they stand effected to the Interests of our Honble Masters as often as Opportunity offers and communicate to your Honour &c. the Intelligences we learn however we must observe to your Honour &ca. that it will be a Difficult Point to accomplish as there is no Correspondence between this Place and that at Present.

23D. On all Occasions we shall be mindfull to Assist our Honble Masters Right to a free and uninterupted Trade in all Places not Actually in Possession of the Dutch Agreable to your Honour's &c. Directions.

24th. The Dignity Invested on the Sultan of Moco Moco's Son we are Glad to find meets with your Approbation and Flatter ourselves it will Answer the Purposes Intended as both he and his father seem now heartily Inclined to promote the Growth of pepper in their dominions in which we shall give them all the Encouragement Possible.

25th. Frequent Surveys have been our Constant Maxim being thoroughly Sensible of the Necessity for them which shall be duely continued Agreable to your Honours &ca. Orders and a proper resentment shewn to the Neglectfull.

26th. We shall use our Endeavours to Persuade Coloo Dean to return to Madrass and for that pupose shall write to the Resident of Nattall by the first opportunity.

27th. The young Prince of Madura's Conduct We will take particular care shall be of no Ill Convenience to the Hoñble Companys Affairs.

28th. In January we receiv'd an Invitation from the Sultan of Mannancabole to make Settlements at Tecoo and Marroo Massang which Places lay to the Northward of Nattall but as we Where not certain whether it would be Agreable to our Hon'ble Masters to accept of it Especially upon an Uncertainty of its turning to Advantage We judg'd it most advisable to wait till We could receive their Orders for our Guidance in the Affair and return'd an Answer by the Messenger Signifying the same but that Whatever Pepper was Produced in the Interim at those Places should be sent for by vessels from Nattall which we hoped Would be Agreable to his Highness.

29th. On the 16th. Decembr. about Sixteen Mallay men Headed by one Mallim Bagoes and two others by Surprize Seiz'd the House of Laye in the Afternoon took all the Arms and other things they could Get at With Which they were Going off when the Bugguess's to the Number of Six Attack'd them and a skirmish ensued in Which one of the Bugguess's was kill'd and another Wounded after having Kill'd two of the Enemy and Wounded Several others however their confederates carried off nine Musketts and some other things as soon as we had Advice of this A Party of Bugguesses was Order'd away but long before they Could Get there the Villians were Gone since Which We have had Information of Mallim Bagoo's lurking about the Country in Order to raise Commotions and therefore have Offer'd a reward for securing him either dead or Alive Which we hope Will be A Means to prevent his creating any further disturbances.

30th. As a Reward for the Extraordinary Courage and Behaviour of four of those Bugguess's who exerted themselves in that fray we presented them in the Hoñble Companys name with fifteen Dollars each which Publick Mark of our Approbation of their Conduct dont doubt but will Prove an Incitement to their future good behaviour in like Cases to defend the Hoñble Companys Property.

31st. It is with Great Pleasure we Acquaint your honours &ca. that our New Manufactory goes on Extreamly Well and there is a fine Prospect of its turning to Advantage but we have been obliged to advance at different times to the Amount of $ 6500 in order to forward the Work ℘ Exeter we sent our Hoñble Masters a Cannister of the Sugar Which had been made for a Tryall and the undertakers assure Us that they shall be able to make 800 Pecul of the same this year However for your Honours &ca. further satisfaction we beg leave to refer you to a Copy of the Survey of these Works taken by Messrs. Smith and Scott in Jañry last which is Under Cover.

32nd. We have now on hand 202 Tons. 1 Cwt. 1 Qt. 1 lbs. of Pepper in readiness for the Bombay Castle or any Ship that may be Order'd this way and hope to have this season upwards of 100 Tons. . Cwt. . Qt. . lbs. Surpluss Pepper.

33rd. We have fully Acquainted our Hoñble Masters ℘ Exeter of the state of the Country round us a copy of which Letter is enclos'd and take leave to refer your Honour &ca. to that for Particulars.

Fifthly Fortifications Buildings and Revenues.

34th. Your Honour &ca. Injunctions in the 27 Parag: relating to Erecting new Buildings shall be duely observ'd and none set about but What are Absolutely Necessary for Immediate use.

35th. As we have no Person here Capable of Forming a Plan of the Godown and Warff requisite to be made at Poloo we must Put off all thoughts of that's Works Going on till your Honour &ca. can spare us a Person qualified for that Undertaking.

36th. We observe your Honour &ca. Take Notice of the Price Bricks and Tyles bear with us but must beg leave to acquaint you that those of the former Article which are Charg'd at $ 8 ₱ Mill was a Small Parcell made at Laye for the Houses there which the Undertakers could not Afford to make for less and Came Cheaper to the Honble Company than if they had been sent from hence where were have all along Purchased for $ 4·2. The Tiles Where made by Contract and since thought not very dear considering their durableness in Comparrison with Attops and Colit Coy's the Undertakers stood out a Long time for $ 12 ₱ Mill, however Agreable to your Honour &ca. Directions We shall desist from purchasing more than what they have already on hand unless at a Cheaper rate.

37th. The license's for this year have been put up at Publick outcry and sold as follows Vizt. Arrack Licence at Marlbrough.

	for ₱ 130	₱ Menm.
Opium Do. at Marlbro	80	Do.
Opium Do. Moco Moco	32	Do.
Opium Do. Manna	20	Do.
Opium Do. Croee	15	Do.

38th. By this Ship we received no Manifest of Private trade however our Sea Customer has made the Usual Demand on all Goods landed here.

39th. We Beg leave to Assure your Honour &ca. that we shall observe the Greatest Frugallity in all our Disbursements and retrench the Expences as much as Passible that our Hon'ble Masters may reap the Greater Benefit from this Settlement.

Sixthly of Factors Writers Military and their Accounts.

40th. Mr. Samuel Ardley Agreable to the Honble Court of Directors permission now takes Passage on this Ship for Fort St. George Who has receiv'd Six months Salary Advance and three Months Diet Allowance.

41st. Mr. William Norris being at Moco Moco prevents his haveing Timely Advice to Proceed on the Delawar.

42d. As we have Amply sett forth Mr. Dunckleys Conduct to our Honble Masters ₱ Exeter Therefore beg leave to refer you to that Letter for particulars as well as for our Dismissing Messrs. John Wood & John Cranmer their Honours service and sending them home with Captain Fernell with the several other Occurrences than came under our Directions to the sailing of that Ships and shall only enlarge upon what has since happend under this head.

43d. Upon Mr. Thomas Combes's leaving the Place the Deputy Governour and Mr. John Beach imagin'd there was a Vacancy in Council and the Honble Company's Orders enjoyning them to fill up such as often as they happen'd purposd in Consultation to take in Mr. Randolph Marriott which Mr. John Massey and Robt. Jack objected to so that the Votes were than Equal and the Deputy Governour gave it in favour of Mr. Marriott as Eighth in Council Which Messrs. Massey and Jack Dissented to a Copy Whereof Comes Enclos'd.

44th. Being Apprehensive that the Honble Company's Packet design'd for England ꝑ Exeter was blown away to the Southward by a hard Gale of Wind Which Came on soon after it was over the Qualloe at Manna and Mr. Carter in the Boat we Immediately sent away the Panchallong with Mr. Jack Beach in order to Dispatch the Exeter in case such an Accident had happen'd however it Prov'd otherways for the Packet got safe to the Ship and Mr. Beach was blown to Croee from whence he arriv'd a Few day's Ago.

45th. Mr. Marriott having several times desir'd an Assistant we sent Mr. Alexander Hall in February to that station as we thought it was highly necessary a Person should be on the spott to take care of their Honours Affairs in case of an Accident happening to the Resident.

46th. On the 21st. Decembr. Mr. Alexander Forbes embarked on a Talore at Moco Moco for this place agreable to our Permission That same Evening a Bugguess and a Slave which Accompany'd him return'd to Moco Moco after having swam on shore with the Malancholy news of the Boats being Oversett and the Crew Consisting of 28 People Were floating on her Bottom in Which Unhappy seituation they left them Messrs. Norris and Swinton immediately order'd out several Tombongons and Offer'd a considerable Reward for taking them up however they were not so Fortunate so that we Imagine every soul Perish'd.

47th. Mr. Forbes has Left a Will appointing Mr. Robt. Swinton Sole Executor for setling his Affairs in India who has accepted the trust Accordingly.

48th. Upon the loss of Mr. Forbes We appointed Mr. Roger Carter Provisional Resident of Moco Moco it being highly Necessary that some Person should be there that was Well vers'd in the Mallay Customs for Which Place he sett out in the Panchallong and Arriv'd some days ago.

49th. Mr. Dutton is to have the care of Manna till such times as we hear Mr. Combes Determination of Returning.

50th. A Complaint was exhibited against Mr. Perceval Say in Consultation of the 20th. March for seizing a Parcel of Peice Goods from two Mallay men retailing Salt to the Natives and keeping Contrary to their Honours— strict and Positive Orders a Pepper Planter 12 or 14 day's waiting for his Pepper to be Weigh'd and at last sent him away without doing it to Which Mr. Say made the best defence he could But not sufficient to Clear himself from Censure. The Deputy Governour therefore thought it was high time to Look into his Conduct which had been so long very bad that he was become a Publick Scandal thro' his Excessive Drunkenness and mean Disposition which made him a Companion only for the lowest Class of People in the Place and declar'd as his sentiments Mr. Say Unworthy of being any longer in Council upon which Messrs. Massey and Smith desir'd to put off Giving theirs till another Meeting when they Agreed that the Deputy Governour's remark was very just but Nevertheless Mr. Massey purpos'd he should remain in his Present Station but to rise no higher which not being assented to he then purpos'd Mr. Say should be always last in Council but this was also objected to by the Deputy Governour Who Imagin'd if he was thought Capable of being at the board he might be judg'd fit for the station of 2d. 3d. 4th. &ca. as last in Council upon which Messrs. Massey and Smith purpos'd a suspention and declared it their opinion that the Honble Company's Interest was not Immediately Concern'd in this Case therefore it would be better to Wait the Orders from the Presidency. The Deputy Governour then Informed Mr. Say that the best chance he had for some Indulgence from the Honble Company would be to Desire Voluntarily to quit the board and remain a Factor Which he did Immediately and it was unanimously agreed to.

51st. We receiv'd a letter from the Hon'ble Company's Factors at this Place at the same time setting forth Mr. Say's bad life which they Imagin'd was their Duty to make known to us as the Honour of the East India Company was concern'd and Consequently their Interest.

52D. By Mr. Say's relinquishing his Place at the board a Vacancy Ensued and Mr. Roger Carter being the next in Standing the Deputy Governour Purpos'd calling him to fill it up which was Approv'd off by Mr. John Beach and was Accordingly Appointed eighth in Council which Mr. John Massey Objected against for the reasons he Gave in the Dissent Dated 12th. December and thought it was Mr. Mariots proper right therefore Propos'd him to Succeed to the Board.

53D. The next Consultation the Deputy Governour and Mr. John Beach Deliverd in a Representation setting forth that they Look'd upon Mr. John Massey's Conduct with regard to some late Proceedings as very extraordinary and Absurd especially to the Proposal he made of calling Mr. Marriott to the Board When that Gentlemen had been Appointed Eighth in Council some months before by a Majority then present which agreable to the Honble Companys Standing Orders are to take effect in all cases it therefore seem'd to them that the designs of such Unwarrantable Method of Proceeding were to Perpetuate an Opposition illegally Contrary to all forms of Government of as well as embarrass And Impede the Management of their Honours Affairs which are the natural Consequences of such very particular Proceedings a recent Instance of which they point out appears in his Conduct With regard to Mr. Say notwithstanding he declar'd he was taken in Council against his consent they further add that Messrs. Massey Jack and Smith opposing the Deputy Governours putting their reply to their Dissent (upon Mr. Marriot's being Call'd to the board) into the Packet that was sent to England ₰ Exeter notwithstanding it was presented Pass'd and enter'd in the Minutes of that day when it was Clos'd they caus'd it to be eraz'd and would by no means Suffer it to go. These Transactions they say tho' a sense of their Duty to the Honble Company and in Justice to themselves oblig'd them to make Publick the beforemention'd transactions which we now lay before your Honor &ca. and submit them to your Superiour judgements as well as Mr. John Massey's reply which is as follows.

54TH. That the sole Intent of what He offer'd in the Consultation with respect to the Aforesaid Gentleman was that as he had before Given his Opinion that on Mr. Combes's going away there was no Vacancy and that therefore Mr. Marriott could not be taken in as Eighth so on Mr. Say's resigning as there was a real Vacancy to act Consistently with himself He thought Mr. Marriott was then Eighth But that as he knew the Majority to Which he submitted were of a different opinion he only requested his might be enter'd in Consultation with some favourable sentiments of Mr. Carter and Solemnly declares this to be the true state of the Case therefore Was extreamly astonish'd that from Circumstances of such small consequence he should be charg'd with acting illegally, unwarrantably and Contrary to the forms of all Government, That his Proceedings should be deem'd a Glaring Insult on the Authority of the board design'd to pepetuate [*sic*] an Opposition and Impede the Companys Business and in regard to the reply of the Deputy Governours to his and Mr. Jacks Dissent He Imagin'd the fact was stated Wrong. The Case being as he represents thus just as the Packet was Going to be made up the reply was Offer'd to the Great Surprize of Messrs. Massey Jack and Smith they urg'd that they ought to have some time to consider whether it might be Proper to them to Answer it and desir'd it might be deffer'd which he says was Accordingly Agreed to and further setts forth that he had never any other design in opposing Measures he apprehended to be Wrong than Discharging faithfully the trust log'd in him by His Honble Masters to whose consideration he humbly submitted the above Affair and all his other Actions.

55TH. The Deputy Governour and Mr. John Beach Observing that Mr. Massey stated the facts very erroneously they made some Remarks thereon a Copy of which is inclosed for your Honours Perusal that you may be the better enabled to judge of the whole Affair Mr. Massey declaring in Consultation that he should make no further reply.

56TH. There being $ 400 in the Honble. Company's Chest here belonging to the Orphans of Robert Trumball deceased and Mr. William Smith being Willing to take the same at the Usual Interest of the Place it was Accordingly deliver'd him out In January upon his Giving a Bond and Assignment for the Same on the 5th. Instant at a Consultation Mr. John Beach deliver'd in a Letter wherein he set forth that he look'd upon himself in some Measure Answerable for the beforementioned sum lent Mr. Smith it being an Act in Council and therefore declared that unless the Sum was immediately demanded he would be no longer bound for any part of the Payment thereof for reasons best known to himself.

57TH. Upon Consideration of Which it was Agreed and Order'd that Mr. William Smith should find other Security or return the Money into their Honours Chest again which we shall be carefull to see Comply'd with.

58TH. Due regard shall be paid to the 37 Parag: relating to the Stoppages and Clothing of the Military here.

59TH. The Topasses and Arabs which Your Honour &ca. design'd us would have been very Acceptable but as we were depriv'd of them by an unforeseen Accident make no doubt of a Number being recruited and Order'd hither by the first Opportunity.

60TH. We have received only Thirty two of the slaves your Honour &ca. was Pleas'd to send the other died in the Voyage for Whose Diet Captain Winter has been Paid agreable To your Directions at the rate of one Shilling a day ℘ head amounting in the Whole to $ 948–2–40.

61ST. It having been represented to the Deputy Governour and Mr. John Beach and even become the Publick Discourse of the Place the badness of the Materials purchas'd by the Paymaster for their Honours Service these several Months past they Acquainted the board of the Same in Consultation the 10th. Instant in Order that the Affair might be look'd into and Mr. John Massey was thereupon Question'd relating the same who declar'd that he procur'd the best he could get and when but indifferent took two for one. However in his Monthly Accounts perceiving Boards Bamboes &ca. charg'd at the same Price as if they were thoroughly Good and the Second Article over rated besides the Whole brought to Account as purchased single. We cannot help thinking but there is some underhand dealings and have therefore order'd his remains to be Immediately taken intending as our duty enjoyn's us to Inspect thoroughly into his Conduct that our Honble Masters may not be Sufferers thro any self Interested Person when 'tis in our Power to hinder it and shall Advise your Honour &ca. amply of our proceedings thereon next opportunity.

62D. Messrs. David Hunter and Thomas Combes before their Departure from hence deliver'd to us a Packet directed to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. Mr. Cockrele and Major Lawrence with Directions to forward it by the first opportunity which we now Embrace being the Ship Dellawar under the Care of Captain Thos. Winter.

63D. Since Writing the foregoing we have thought it necessary to direct Captn. Winter and Mr. Garden to Procure 50 Coyan Rice and 20 Leaguers Arrack at Batavia for this Settlement to be brought by the Delawar the Captain representing that it would retard his Passage to the Coast Very little and for that purpose have put on board $ 4000.

64TH. On the 10th. Instant Arriv'd the Sloop Mary from Nattall with Mr. Randolph Marriott who intends to lay before us The state of that Place in a few days a Copy of which your Honour may depend on having the next Opportunity.

65TH. The Deputy Governour Apprehending there was a Vacancy in Council by Mr. Dunckley's Suspension propos'd taking in Mr. Gunn the next in standing which was unanimously Agreed to in Consultation the 11th. Instant.

66TH. Upon Examining further into Mr. Massey's Conduct at a Consultation yesterday it was unanimously agreed to suspend him from his Employ Several People being call'd up relating to the Materials and some of them Avering bad ones were often receiv'd Messrs. Jos. Gunn and Daniel Tottie are appointed to act in his room till a strict enquirey has been made into this Affair the purport of which as we have before assur'd your Honour &ca. shall be transmitted the first opportunity.

FORT MARLBROUGH
APRIL 14TH. 1753.

WE ARE

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
ROBERT HINDLEY.
JOHN MASSEY.
JOHN BEACH.
WILLM. SMITH.
RANDH. MARRIOTT.
JOSEPH GUNN.

I Dissent to the 61 & 66 Parg.
of this Letter.
JOHN MASSEY.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

Agreable to your Order we have been to Inspect the Works carrying on for making Sugar & Arrack & beg leave to Lay before your Worship &ca. the following Remarks Vizt.

Besides the Buildings mentioned in the last Survey the Undertakers have since erected another 133 Foot long & 41 Broad the Whole is Built with fine large Timbers & is in 4 Divisions one is rais'd very high with Mould faced at the End with Brick and is design'd to the place the Mills in for pressing the Canes another is to be the Boiling House wherein 8 Torches or Coppers are to be fixed for that purpose this is covered with Pantiles the others with Attops the 3rd. part is for stalls for the Buffloes that Work the Mills and the 4th. for those that are us'd for Ploughing &ca.

They have likewise begun another Building intended for Godowns &c. being in length 68 Feet & 41 Breadth.

There is also a Tile shed Brick shed Tile Kiln & a Tarr Kiln where they have made several Tiles Bricks Tarrs Sugar Potts &ca. for the use of the Works.

There are 32 Chinese 50 Mallay's & Javans & 29 Buffloes with all requisite Utensils employed in Different parts of this Manufacture.

The following Parcells of Ground are already Cultivated Vizt.

For	feet	
1	Spot 240 long 132 Broad on which is planted Tufts of Sugar Canes ea. producing from 5 to about 20 Stems	2600
1	Do. 880 Long 552 broad	25340
1	Do. 1920 Do. 320 Do.	40300
1	Do. 488 Do. 468 Do.	4470
1	Do. 3400 Do. 378 Do.	81920
1	Do. 1310 Do. 450 Do.	24230
		178860

They have likewise begun to clear another large Tract of land.

The Sugar Canes Appear very fine & flourishing and in short the whole work by its appearance seems to Promise the Greatest Success. The Undertakers assured us they shall be able to produce 800 Pecul of Good Sugar this year & they are now making a specimen of Arrack.

We are
WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants
WILLIAM SMITH.
GEORGE SCOTT.

FORT MARLBROUGH
JAN^RY^. THE 12TH. 1753.

REASONS FOR DISSENTING FROM LAST CONSULTATION WITH RESPECT TO A VACANCY IN COUNCIL ON MR. COMBES'S ABSENCE.

Before We think there can be no Vacancy in Council By the Removal of any of its Members to a Distant Place unless that removal is expressly Declar'd by the HONBLE COMPANY's to be his Entirely leaving the Settlement Which Appears to us to be Contrary to the tenor of this General letter by David Hunter Esq. wherein it is said that if Mr. Combes chuse to return hither his Absence should be no Prejudice to his Standing and that we think Implies that he is still to be deem'd on this Establishment and to receive Pay as 4th. in Council of this Place till the result of the secret Expedition is known.

Because Mr. Combes often declared before his Departure that he should come here again and was appointed Resident of Moco Moco he desir'd and agreed in Council to keep the Residency Open for him in Case of his return and three Company's Servts. Order'd in Consequence thereof to take Charge of that Settlement till the Event was more fully Ascertain'd.

Because in all Cases of a Doubtful Nature and surly our Opponents will admitt this to be one we think it safer for us to be on this side of saving our HONBLE MASTERS money which tho' Inconsiderable in the Present Debate we judg'd it our Duty to do it till their Pleasures is known tho' we declare at the Same time We have no Objection to the Appointment of Mr. Marriott provided the Vacancy Could be Prov'd and as that has not been done to our Satisfaction and the Affair Uncertain We Imagine it a little too assuming in us to Define it and better to Wait the Decision of the HONOURABLE COMPANY.

Because further we are of Opinion that to make the Pretended Vacancy Valued Mr. Combes should have formally resign'd the Service as in Mr. Lenox's Case the Vacant Seat at the board Occasioned by his Absence not being fill'd up till the Presidency Gave Publick Notice to the Presidency that he done so, for this and the aforementioned reasons we conclude ourselves Justified in our Dissent.

JOHN MASSEY.
ROBERT JACK.

FORT MARLBRO'
DECR. 12TH. 1753.

As MR. JOHN MASSEY in his reply to our Representation states the facts mentioned therein in a Very erronious Light We think it Necessary to make a few Remarks thereon.

We are sorry there is a necessity for our Absolutely denying that Mr. Massey Express'd himself in the manner he sets forth in his reply With respect to the appointment of Mr. Roger Carter in Council this Transaction is

very Differently represented in Consultation where it appears that he not only thought it was Mr. Marriotts Proper right to succeed in Council upon the Vacancy occasion'd by Mr. Say's relinquishing his Station but that he actually did then propose Mr. Marriott (notwithstanding his being taken in several Months before) should succeed to that Vacancy in Prejudice to Mr. Roger Carter, Were it otherwise would not Mr. Massey immediately have objected to that Parag. of the Consultation on the Contrary he was at that time so far from Disowning this Proposal (which we conceive to be a Palpable Insult a very Irregular & unwarrantable proceeding) that he perused the rough Copy of the Consultation first & some time after signed the fair draught without any Demurr even after he had been fully Inform'd of the representation which had been made of his Conduct on that Occasion.

We apprehend that Mr. Massey's Manner of Justifying himself in this Affair evinces upon an attentive Consideration ye. Justice of our representation in this Uncommon Case But we wa've entering into a further Discussion of it.

As to the Other facts relating to the not sending home our reply to Mr. Massey's and Jacks desent by the Exeter We think it proper to Observe in Answer to the pretence on which so Arbitrary & Injurious Opposition is grounded that a very little Consideration was sufficient to resolve it in the Negative namely there was no necessity for it but had they thought otherwise as they judg'd it necessary their reasons for their Desenting should be sent home it was just as Proper and reasonable we should also assign some reasons for our Conduct to go by the same Conveyance. But this Was a Prviledge Messrs. Massey Jack & Smith were pleased to appropriate to themselves on that Occasion & We now repeat again that after our reply had been Presented past & Minuted those Gentlemen in a very unbecoming manner declar'd against its being Put in the Packet and Particularly Mr. Jack in the most Insolent Manner contrary to all form or even Good Manners express'd himself with the Utmost Supercilious Contempt & said I won't allow it, "I wont allow it," it is not fair and strenuously Persisting in so unjust & unprecedented a resolution We as Publick Business was very Pressing only told them that we should send the proper Paper home Privately which was accordingly done.

We think it not Improper to add that these Gentlemen also Injuriously refus'd to put another Publick Letter in the Pacquet which was likewise deliver'd.

Fort Marlbro'
12th. April 1753.

Robert Hindley.
John Beach.

List of the Pacquet ℔ Delawar.

No. 1 Fort Marlbro General Letter the 14th. April 1753.
2 Copy General Letter to the Court of Directors ℔ Exeter Dated the 20 December 1752.
3 Do. Do. Dated 1st. Janry. 1753.
4 Do. Survey taken of Fort Marlbro Sugar &ca. Works.
5 Do. Captain Thos. Winters sailing Orders.
6 Do. Messrs. John Massey's & Robt. Jack Dissent.
7 Do. Delawars Charter Party.
8 Do. Deputy Governour and Mr. John Beach's remarks on Mr. John Massey's reply to their Representation.
9 List of Deficienses of Stores ℔ Delawar.
10 Do. Stores taken out of the Mafagascar Cargo.
11 Store Keepers report of the out turn of the Dlawars Cargo.

Fort Marlbro'
April 14, 1753.

Richd. Wyatte
Secry.

N°. 134.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of
Fort S^{T}. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

1ST. By the Delawar Captain Thos. Winter we address'd you last under date of the 14th. April Copy whereof is under Cover.

2^{D}. Having been inform'd that we could not be supplied with Rice from the Coast We were necessitated as you will Observe by our Letter to Give Captain Winter an order to touch here in his Way back and bring with him a supply of that Article and some other Stores which we were greatly in want of We now Expect him every day and his stay shall not exceed three or four Days.

3^{D}. Since the Delawars Departure We have receiv'd your several Letters dated the 26th. of March 10th. & 19th. of April to which we shall now reply under the Usual Heads.

First concerning Shipping.

4TH. The Success Gally Imported here the 21st. Untimo and after landing the Rice Which your Honour &c^{a}. engag'd or sail'd on her Voyage the 1st. Instant.

5TH. On the 23rd. of the same Month the Prince George Arriv'd and the Godolphin on the 25th.

6TH. We put on board the Godolphin 200 Tons of Pepper agreable to your Directions with the Arrack you was pleas'd to Order for St. Helena & Dispatch'd her to England the 16 Inst.

7TH. Your Honour &c^{a}. will receive this ℔ Prince George Which We now Dispatch to Batavia and We have supplied Captain Burman with ℔ 5000 for the purposes you was pleas'd to Direct.

8TH. In our Last We Mention'd the Apprehensions We were under of the Sloop Swallows Safety. But we since receiv'd a Letter from Mr. James Stephens Dated in March which came by way of Bantam & ℔ Aboon in which we are inform'd that she was at Batavia whither she was forced by hard Notherly Winds and that by the Misconduct of the Master she is in want of several repairs. We have Wrote to M^{r}. Stephens by the Success Galley & directed him to Consult M^{r}. Peter Garden to whom we have also Wrote on the same subject and We assur'd M^{r}. Stephans of a supply of Money by the next Opportunity and now consign to him on this Ship $ 2000 to defray the Necessary Expences on this occasion and have strictly enjoined him to be very frugal in the Management of this advancement and Exert himself in refitting the Sloop and return here as speedily as Possible.

9TH. Sloop Mary being found upon a Survey to be very much in want of a Repair We have Order'd her to be laid on Shore at this Place that the work may be done Cheaper & more Expeditiously than it can be done at Pooloo.

10TH. Having therefore no proper Vessel belonging to the Hon̄ble Company at this Place to fetch up the Southern Pepper or to transport to the out Residency's the Necessary supplys We are at Present Oblig'd to freight Country boats on those Accounts We assure ourselves that the Cuddalore will be Dispatch'd back to us speedily.

11TH. We shall adjust the Master of the Sloop Cuddalore's Pay upon the same footing with the others who all receive 20 ℔ Mensem.

12TH. With Respect to the sending of Sloops to Batavia we are sorry that there has ever been any room Given formerly to censure them and we shall strictly obey the orders of your Honour &c^{a}. about it.

SECONDLY GOODS FROM EUROPE &c^A.

13TH. The Ample Consignments made us by your Honour &ca. has pretty well supplied our Wants at Present and Proper Care shall be taken in the Management of them.

14TH. We are sorry that the taking of some of the Treasure and Stores out of the Bombay Castle meets with your Honours &ca. Disapprobation We shall therefore in future pay a Punctual Obedience to your Orders on this Occasion.

15TH. FORT ST. GEORGE shall be duely Credited for the Cargoe of the Arcott Snow and the other Articles.

THIRDLY OF INVESTMENTS & FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

16TH. We are very Much Concern'd at the past neglect & Mismanagements of the Several Branches of Affair on this Coast but particularly of these in Which the Interest of our Honble Masters & the Welfare of this Settlement is so nearly Concern'd.

17TH. We are therefore Determind to Exert ourselves Strenuously and with regard to the Pepper Plantations the better to promote the Increase of Pepper We shall as soon as Possible establish several Necessary Regulations.

18TH. The Decrease of Pepper seems to us to be in great Measure owing to an Imprudent establish'd Practice of renewing the Pepper Plantations once in Every Eighth year Which is by far too late for as it is found by Experience that a Pepper Plantation generally survives only Ten years and that they begin to decay before that time particularly at the Northern Settlements a Decrease of Pepper will therefore Necessarily follow at Certain Periods to Prevent Which in future We purpose to have it reduced every where to the fifth year.

19TH. The Two Agreements made lately with the Pangaran & Proateens of Konkoy and the Proateens of the Eight Doosoons it is Stipulated & agreed that the Plantations shall be renew'd hereafter every fifth year and the Sultan of Moco Moco has also agreed to the same Regulations.

20th. It is further Agreed by them that there shall be 15000 Vines planted to each house and we shall not be wanting in our best Endeavours to Induce them & all others to a Punctual Performance of their Agreements.

20TH. It is further Agreed by them that there shall be 15000 Vines planted fully making their Plantations in bad soils on Acct. of some Personal Conveniencies is another Great Cause of ye. decrease of Pepper.

22D. Several Bad Laws & Customs amongst the Natives concur to produce the same disagreable Consequences.

23D. The Arbitrary and Oppressive Temper of their Sovereigns & head Men tends also to the same bad Effect.

24TH. The Natural Indolence of all and the Ignorance of many of the Planters with respect to the dispositions as well as Culture of their Plantations are likewise attended with the same bad consequences a Demunition & a poor Crop of Pepper.

25TH. When it happens that most of the Plantations in any District are nearly of ye. Same Age as then we either have or may soon expect to have an Increase of Pepper at those Places.

26TH. But the Case is otherwise at most Places particularly in Arrack soongey.

27TH. Many other causes may also be consign'd but we shal only mention one more and that is the Ages of the Pepper Plantations being not always rightly assertain'd so that by Mistake they may be renewed a year or two later than they should have been and the Planter is Undeceiv'd to late.

28TH. To obviate which in future as well as several other Obstacles We have Appointed an Inspector of the Surveys which shall be frequently taken and by an Accurate and Successive Comparison one with the other these Mistakes may be easily rectified and the Planters have Due Notice of the Proper time to make new Pepper Plantations and we doubt not but we shall be able to detect fallacious representations to which a Proper Resentment shall be shewn and the Industrious & the Negligent shall be treated suitably to their respective Cases.

29TH. There are but very few Gentlemen on this Coast Who have Proper Constitutions to undertake General Surveys as several have suffer'd hardly any dare Venture upon them however small Survey's may be Taken tho' not without some Risque. We are therefore under some Embarrasment with respect to your Honours Orders upon this subject. But we shall not fail to comply with them as far as it is in our Power. THE HONBLE COURT have several times formerly mention'd it and some there have been at times who have Gone Survey's but as it has been sometimes attended with fatal Consequences it was since Generally wav'd.

30TH. We shall pay the Strictest Obedience to the Orders of your Honour &ca. with respect to the Country Government.

31ST. Many Crimes may be Committed by the Natives which are not Publickly or but Insufficiently known several which have been known for some time past seems to us to have been Wink'd at from an Apprehension of some Ill Consequences in Calling the Criminals to a Publick Account but a Proper Attachment to Justice shall be the Rule of our Conduct.

32D. With respect to the Disposal of Cloth to the Pepper Plantations at Moco Moco We can assure your honour &ca. and we do assert it that the Case is otherwise but very little if any at all being sold there (at least for several years Past) to the Planters themselves by any Gentleman there they chuse to buy it of others & are left perfectly too their own choice—But with regard to the Residencys in General We shall take Care that Goods are not Impos'd upon them or sold to them at unreasonable rates and if we hear of any Greviance's We shall show a due Obedience to your Orders.

FIFTHLY OF FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES.

33RD. We acquainted your Honour &ca. in our last of our Intention to Inspect thoroughly into several abuses under this head having Great reason to suspect that many had Crept into the Prejudice of the Honble Company Which we find upon Examination to be very Considerable as sett forth in our Consultations and the several reports &ca. enter'd after them to which we beg leave to refer your Honour &ca. by which you will be pleas'd to observe We had resolv'd to rectify all Abuses and to put a stop to any thing of that Kind being carried on in future.

34. In examining into the Prices of Materials We find them a Good deal enhanced since Mr. Rigg's time.

SIXTHLY OF FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

35th. The frequent Notices taken by their Honours of the Increase of the Expences of the Settlement within a few years past with their repeated Injunctions but more particularly in their last to look narrowly into our Accounts and to have a watchful Eye over their Servants especially those who are any ways concern'd in Buildings excited us to reflect seriously upon the affair and as we had on several Accounts great reason to suspect Mr. Masseys Conduct We came to a Resolution upon an Information of the Purchases of Bad Materials to examine thoroughly into his Proceedings.

36TH. We cannot but observe that several Particulars in your Honours &ca. Letter Corresponds with what has been Discours'd by us.

37TH. This Enquiry induced Mr. Massey voluntarily to Offer a resignation of his Employments which we comply'd with a few days after.

38TH. In the Interim his remarks were order'd to be taken and the Condition of the materials to be reported by Mr. Danile Tottie who accordingly deliver'd in a report at Consultation of the 21st. April 1753 and it appear'd that the Greatest part of the Materials were Excessively bad besides which it was discover'd that Mr. Massey had taken 200000 Bricks & some other Materials belonging to the HON'BLE COMPANY which he had not Paid for and with which he had built a large Chunam Kiln for himself about a year and a half ago.

39TH. It was further Discover'd that he had brought to Account a Considerable overcharge of Bricks and Chunam to the Parade in the Fort.

40TH. With regard to the over Charge of Bricks Mr. Massey alledg'd that he did it to prevent deficiency's as out of a Kiln of 80000 there where generally he says 30000 which were good for nothing.

41ST. And being Ask'd whether the not reporting but Purchasing & paying for such Bricks was Consistant with his Duty He replied that he had Mr. Hurlocks Orders.

42D. But as he always overcharg'd Chunam (by which he has reap'd Great Proffits) to these overcharges of Bricks it is evedent he must have also had some other reasons.

43D. These Overcharges and bad purchases being Contrary to his Duty and one cause of the increase of the Expences of the Settlement and his reply tending Evidently to his Further conviction the Board deem'd to be their Duty in Conformity to former Proceedings and in Obedience to their Honours Orders to Suspend him the service till a Charge could be Exhibited against him.

44TH. Having order'd Mr. Joseph Gunn to Examine Mr. Massey's Accounts and Transactions a report was Accordingly deliver'd by him at Consultation of the 16th. May with an Account of Sundry overcharges of Bricks Chunam &ca. amounting to upwards of $ 5000 together with an Account of Bricks expended on several Buildings &ca. by Mr. Dobbs the Bricklayer to which Mr. Dobbs made oath.

45TH. That we may not be too Prolix We beg leave to refer your Honours &ca. to the several Consultations and the Letters & reports enter'd after them.

46th. These Overcharges being So very Considerable we sent for Mr. Massey at Consultation of the 17 May and Acquainted him with the several particulars.

47TH. But his Answers was such as fully convinc'd us of these and several other Heinous Facts which are incerted in the charge the Determination was however Wav'd.

48TH. At the next Consultation We receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Massey wherein after endeavouring to Prejudice our Proceedings by Artful and injurious Suggestions evasively Urged which we have and do again aver to be false he proceeds to request a Permission to retract some of his Answers but as they was urged under some pretences which we knew not to be true and as this Extraordinary request evinced his Intentions and that he had in his Opinion prov'd at least several of the Facts again we proceeded to a determination and being Absolutely Convinc'd that he had Violated his Covenants to as Great a degree as any have for about 30 years Past the Majority of the board therefore judg'd it their Duty in Obedience to their Honours Orders to dismiss him tho' service without unnecessary & tedious delays the Better to deter others in future from such Practices. Messrs. Jack & Smith objected to this as they thought he ought to have further time allowed for his Defence but we Desire to observe that his Answers at Consultation effectually disabled him from making any Material defence and the latter Gentlemen was himself of Opinion that the facts were Prov'd. The Protracting of the Affair (which we are certain would have been made as tedious as could possibly be contriv'd) could not have been of any Real service to Mr. Massey and it would in Good

Measure have kept our Attention in Suspense from other affairs. The Arrival of the Ships prevented us from settling his Deficiencys and complying with the Orders with respect to them and the Overcharges. The Deficiency of Bricks and Chunam inclusive of the overcharges amounts to $ 7648. . . 48. The former being 916589 and the latter 221–758 (Con. Bs.) We are obliged to refer to your Honours to the Consultations for a fuller Account of our Transactions It appears to us to be Necessary to examine still further into Mr. Masseys Accounts.

49TH. Agreable to your Orders We appointed a Committee to Inspect into the Business of the Secretarys Accomptant offices and by the report it appears that the business is pretty nearly brought up and we shall take care that it shall be Constantly kept up Your Orders upon this subject shall be duely complied with as shall also the 17th. 18th. 19th. Pargs. of your letter relating to the Military.

50TH. Enquiry being made into the Affair of Attacking Noquedah Poah's Effects it was thus related to us by himself That being Indepted The Attorneys of his Creditors seiz'd his Effects but upon Application his house and every thing Else was return'd to him except his Prow and Salt which were sold and Credit Given him for the same. We are Inform'd that he refus'd to pay his Debt and had even denied his Bond which occasioned the Disposal of the Prow and Salt.

51st. All Decisions of Property shall in future be on record in the Consultations.

52nd. We have Advis'd your Honour &ca. in our last of the Dismission of Mr. Carnmer from the Service for his Ill Behaviour.

53d. Mr. Thomas Combes is Arrived here but has Upon Account of his Health declin'd Going to Moco Moco agreable to our former Appointment.

54th. As the Residency of Moco Moco is a very Important Settlement and as the Sending of Improper Persons thither may Prove of very Considerable Disservice We have theirfore appointed Mr. Randolph Marriott (who is Prior to Mr. Carter whom we also judge to be a very Capable Person) to the Charge of that Residency.

55th. On the 13th. Instant Mr. John Beach deliver'd in a Complaint against Captn. Hutchinson setting forth that he had been Grosly Abus'd by him without any Provocation Capt. Hutchinson being thereupon call'd up together with some other Gentlemen as Witnesses and having Examin'd into the Complaint We could find no proofs of it Capt. Hutchinson Asserting the Contrary and the Gentlemen Declaring that they heard no such Abusive Language as had been Alledg'd.

56th. The next day Mr. Beach madee a Second Complaint that Capt. Hutchinson mett him on the bridge and Gave him very Gross Language Capt. Hutchinson being therefore again Call'd up and interrogated about it he asserted that he never behav'd otherwise to Mr. Beach or any one Else than like a Gentleman.

57th. Mr. Beach after he had made the Second Complaint told the Deputy Governour that he had Pistolls Loaded in his Pocket at the Bridge and would had the Capt. Offer'd to strike him have Shott him and at the Consultation following Mr. Beach hinted that bad Consequences would ensue if Capt. Hutchinson should be Call'd up and Offer to Insult him it was therefore Suspected that He had them about him and being Ask'd he Acknowledg'd it and they were immediately taken from him and we repremanded him for so Extravagant and Desparate Procedure His Whole Conduct in this Affair being taken into Consideration it was Unanimously judg'd Proper to put him under an Arrest till we could come to a Determination Mr. Marriott acquainting the Deputy Governour on the 17th. that he intended to sett out in the Evening it was judg'd proper to have the Separate Opinions of the board in Writing before his Departure of Mr. Beach's Conduct Which was Accordingly given as Enter'd Consultation of the 18th. Instant. When Taking his Whole conduct

again into Consideration and his Desperate Proceedings and the Declarations of his Intentions in Bringing loaded Pistols in his Pocket to Consultations being Unanimously Deem'd to be a very high Insult to the board in extenuation of Which he made not the least Proper Apology and his Past Conduct rendering him a very Unworthy and Useless Member it was judg'd Proper to Dismiss him the board and return him to the Station of a Factor.

58th. There being then a Vacancy at the board Mr. Daniel Tottie the next in Standing was Unanimously chose to fill it up.

59th. Mr. Samuel Ardley intended to take Passage for Fort St. George agreable to Orders by the Delawar but she being Order'd afterwards to touch here on her return back he declin'd it and now Embraces the Opportunity of Proceeding's by Capt. Edward Burman whom we have Authoriz'd to Demand the Restitution of the Vessels and their Cargoes seiz'd by the Dutch about Which seizures We have Again Wrote to the General & Council of Batavia.

60th. Mr. Ardley has received 3 Months Advance or Diet Allowance more than has been mention'd in our letter ℔ Delawar commencing from the 1st. of April.

61st. The Recruits of Arabs Seapoy's and Topasse's will prove very servicable on this Coast.

62d. Being much in Want of Lascars and 24 of those that was Dismissed from the Godolphin being Willing to enter into Engagements to serve the Hon'ble Company on the usual terms for 3 years We have Accepted their Offer and taken them into the Service.

63d. That we may Lessen Expences We have reduc'd the Number of Buggs. and intend to do the Same at such out Settlements as it may be Proper to send any of the Arabs to, some of Whom are Already Gone to Moco Moco.

64th. The following Gentlemen having Desir'd Certificates on your Honour &ca. for the like sums paid into the Hon'ble Company's Cash here we have Granted the Same and beg your Compliance with them Vizt.

ROBERT HINDEEY Esqr. payable to ye. Hon'ble.				
Thos. Saunders Esqr.	$	3789	—	—
Mr. John Massey Do.		2981	—	—
Mr Thos. Combes payble. to Messrs. Walsh & Vincittart 2 Setts		10500	—	—
Attorney of Mr. Roger Carter payble. to Mr. Charles Bourchier		1021	2	60
Mr. John Williams payable to the Hon'ble Thos. Saunders Esqr.		500	—	—
Mr. Wotton Braham payable. to Capt. Edward Burman		1050	—	—
	$	19,841	2	60

65th. We beg leave to Conclude with our repeated Assurances that we are firmly determin'd to act agreable to your Orders and our Duty & as we Cannot but Impute past abuses and Unfaithful Management to Omissions in Point of taking timely notice of them We shall therefore in future whenever we Observe any Creeping in taking the Proper Methods to put an Immediate stop to them a Steady Adherence to this Resolution may be Attended with some Disagreable Consequences but the favour and approbation of your Honour &ca. will be an Abundant Satisfaction to us.

66th. We Mention'd in our last that we Expected to have this Season 100 Tons Surpluss Pepper but from late Intelligence We have reason to Expect it will exceed 200 Tons.

67th. The Extraordinary Disbursements occasion'd by the Remittances to Batavia Agreable to your Orders and in Consequence of our Urgent Necessitys together with the Payment of the Several Bills on Account of the Slaves

Sea Poy's &c^a^. ℔ Delawar and the Ships following with the Money lent Capt. Hutchinson on Acc^t^. of the Owners upon his Charter Party Terms Amounting upon the whole to above $19000 obliged us to draw a little largely upon your Honour &c^a^. which we However Observe to be Consistent with your permission We hope therefore our Draughts will be favourably receiv'd.

68th. There Appearing a Deficiency of 8 Garce 396 Marks. of Salt and 1 Garce 190 Marks of Rice in the ship Prince Georges Cargoe We have Agreable to your Orders tender'd Captain Burman a Bill for the same Amounting to $217–1–80 but he has Desir'd an Allowance might be made him for Wastage which as we have no Directions for it We therefore refer his request to the Determination of your Honour &ca.

69th. Under Cover your Honour &ca. Will receive an Indent for Sundrys which this Settlement is in want off.

70th. Some of the Topasses whom you have been Pleas'd to send us having represented that they have receiv'd no Entrance Money on the Coast and Petitioning for it here We Therefore send a List of their Names under Cover and Desire to know whether they are entitled to it.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Robert Hindley.

Joseph Gunn.

Daniel Tottie.

Fort Marlbro'

June the 25 1753.

Supplement

Having again Tender'd Capt. Burman a Bill for the Deficiencies in the Cargo ℔ Prince George he delivered us a letter Copy Whereof is Under Cover requesting it might be referr'd to your Honour &ca. Determination for that the Weight and Measure was Unknown to him which we have Accordingly complied with.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Robert Hindley.

Joseph Gunn.

Daniel Tottie.

No. 135.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President and Governour &ca. Council of

Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

On the 25th. Ultimo Ship Prince George Capt. Edward Burman who left this Place the day following went our last Address by which Conveyance We forwarded your Honour &ca. The several Books & Papers with Ample Parag. 1st. Information relating to the Management of the Hon'ble Company's Concerns in this Settlement Committed to our Care to that time so that we have only now to enclose Duplicate of our last and Advise of the Delawars returning hither from Batavia after a long Passage the 3rd instant with only a Part of What was Indented for by her. Mr. Garden and Cap. Winter not having been Able to Procure the whole on Account of a Great Scarcity of things at Batavia.

2d. Mr. James Stephens Arriv'd here on her who informs us the Sloop Swallow is repaired and that he expects her Daily loaded with Arrack & Rice for this Settlement but to enable him to do that he was necessitated to borrow on their Honours Account of the Netherlands Company Three thousand Rix Dollars which we shall repay the first Opportunity.

3rd. In Consultation the 30th. Ultimo Mr. Thos. Combes deliver'd us a letter setting forth the purport of a Conference held with the head Men of

Nattall upon his Putting in there on the Success Galley in his Passage hither from Fort St. George a Copy Whereof Comes enclos'd by Which your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to Observe amongst other things he recommends to our Consideration the Paying Sultan Oolodeen the Arrears which he has made Application for and apprehends to be due him from the Honble Company since the loss of Madrass and after Maturely reflecting on the Bad Consequences that may attend the Continuance of his Children as Pledges with the King of Atcheen and his also having made himself very useful to the several Residents since our Settling there by Which he seems to have much the Interest of our Honourable Masters at heart. We have come to a resolution to Discharge the Same thinking him deserving thereof & hope it will meet with your Honours &ca. Approbation.

4th. Your Honour &ca. will receive this Delawar Capt. Thomas Winter whose stay at this Place since his return from Batavia has far Exceeded our Expectations occasioned by an unavoidable Accident of the Boats which were sent off the first day being blown all to Pooloo by a Gale at N.W. the continuance of Which kept them two days & therefore flatter ourselves We shall be no way's deem'd Culpable for her detention.

5th. Mr. Stephans has deliver'd us a bill for his Diet Expences while at Batavia amounting to $296 which we Are Obliged to refer to your Honour &ca. determination & request your directions thereon having some time ago upon a Gentlemans Going to that Place under Pretence of Distress made an Order in Council that no Expences of that Kind should be Allow'd in future but we beg leave to Observe that the Swallows Going thither seems to us to have been thro' absolute Necessity.

6th. We Omitted in our last to Advise your Honour &ca. of our sending on the Prince George one of our Military who had been very Troublesome his Name is Machael Dokes he Arriv'd here from St. Helena & was to have been sent to Bengal from whence he deserted.

7th. Enclosed you'll be Pleas'd to receive Invoice and bill of Lading for
cwts. lb.
21. 255 Sugar Shipp'd on board the Dellawar on the Hon'ble Company's Acct. being the Produce of our new Manufactory.

8th. Captain Thos. Winter has receiv'd on Account the Owners of the Ship Delawar $1600 on his Charter Party Terms for which we enclose your Honour &ca. his first Bill.

9th. By the Delawar we receiv'd a Letter from the General and Council of Batavia in Answer to ours concerning the Seizure of Sloop Surprize & Praws a translate of which in English is now forwarded for your Consideration as also the Original of another in Dutch which for want of a Person properly Skill'd in that tongue to Translate it we sometime ago were oblig'd to request the Gentlemen at Batavia to send us a Copy of it in French which they have comply'd with by Capt. Winter.

10th. Mr. Arthur O'Niells Conduct ever since his Arrival on this Coast We are Concern'd to say has been very bad and unbecoming a Clergyman which we have hitherto waved taking Publick Notice of in hopes of his amenament of Life but finding Little or no hopes now left of his ever keeping up to his Function have therefore come to a resolution to suspend him from the Honble Companys Gratuity allowed the Chaplain as Undeserving thereof till we receive Directions from your Honour &ca. or he behaves in manner Becoming his Station in Life.

Fort Marlbro'
July ye. 11th. 1753.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Robert Hindley.
Thomas Combes.
Joseph Gunn.
Daniel Tottie.

P.S. We have rec'd from Capt. Winter the Vouchers for the Disbursements of the Money taken up at Galle which shall be forwarded to Batavia in hopes of meeting with the Godolphin.

Articles of a Charge Exhibited by ye. Worshipful Robert Hindley Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort Marlbro against Mr. John Massey late Paymaster and second of the said Council for violation of His Covenants with the Honble United East India Company of Merchants of England trading to East Indies.

Article 1st.

That the said John Massey did about 18 Months Ago or Upwards take and make use of 20000 Bricks belonging to the Honble Company in Building a lime Kiln for himself and has not to this day paid for any Part of the said Bricks which is a Manifest Breach of his Covenants and the trust repos'd in him.

This is Proved.

1st. By his Accounts in which it appears he has not Paid for the said Bricks and Secondly by his own Acknowledgment in Consultation of the 21st. April with regard to the quantity of the said Bricks and 3rdly as it is Evident he had no Orders for Building so Expensive a Lime Kiln on the Honble Company's Acct. and it being further acknowledg'd that he had himself been at a Good deal of Expence about it in Chunam &ca. and had paid a Chinaman $ 50 for Planing it out and paid Cooley hire besides it is Abundantly apparent from thence as well as by his very Manner of Vindicating himself on this head in last Consultation that the Kiln must be Designed for himself especially as Great Profits has Arisen to him by Burning Chunam.

Article 2nd.

That the said John Massey has Very Considerably overcharg'd several Buildings &ca. made during the time of his being Paymaster in the Article of Bricks notwithstanding there is always a Sufficient Allowance included in the Bricklayers Accot. of Bricks expended Particularly Cumberland House and the Parade in the fort and has also recharg'd and overchargd a lage Parcel of Bricks amounting to 20000 Which overcharges Amounts to 223,230 Bricks.

This is Proved.

1st. By his General Acknowledgement in Consultation of the 21st. April & 2dly. Mr. Dobbs the Brick layers Report Dated the 21st. Do. and particularly by his Attested report dated the 10th. Instant compar'd with the Accounts It is here to be observed that his Vouchers were by his own Acknowledgement not always produced to the Accounts.

Article 3d.

That the said John Massey has also Fraudulently charg'd Chunam to the aforemention'd overcharges of Bricks to the amount of Covn. Bs. 98. 10.

This is Prov'd

By his Accounts by Which it is evident he has charg'd chunam to the Aforemention'd overcharges of Bricks at and above the rate of 1 Bamboe to 3 Bricks and the Overcharges of Chunam being constantly Practic'd by him evinces that it was no Mistake as Pleaded but a Wilful and the facts Prove it to be a very Lucrative Fraud.

ARTICLE 4TH.

That the said John Massey has contrary to his Duty charg'd a Larger Quantity of Chunam than has been in fact Expended and is allowed by authority or than Appears to have been charged till about Or a little before Mr. Isaac Barbuk's time and much more than his actually requisite and that he has also overcharged (Coyn. Bs.) 16. 739 above the Asum'd Allowances. These Overcharges amounts (Coyn. Bs.) 98. 318 by which it is evident that this unwarrantable and unfaithful charge is very much to the Prejudice of the Hoñble Company and tho he must have known it to be so and notwithstanding their Honours repeated Strenuous Recommendations to keep the Several Branches of Expences within reasonable Bounds particularly in their Letters ℘ Brittania in 1749 yet he has so lately as ℘ Suffolk 1749 yet he has still persisted in this unfaithfull Practice.

THIS IS PROVED

By his Accounts and it appears by his Acknowledgment in Consultation of ye. 21st. Current that he knew the Charge was not Warranted by an Order and the Paymasters Accounts which he had in keeping would have inform'd him what the Established Allowance was had he been Pleas'd to have been Guided by them.

ARTICLE 5TH.

That the Said John Massey has charg'd the HOÑBLE COMPANY for more Chunam than he has Actually Sold them which is in fact an Embezzellment of their Honours Cash committed to his Custody and a High Breach of trust.

THIS IS PROVED

By the Attestation of Se Mookim Overseer of his Chunam Kiln and is corroborated by Wm. Adams the Guardian as far as he either know or heard any thing about it. The Large Deficiency of Chunam which Inclusive of the before recited Overcharges is considerably upwards of 200 Coyn which cannot be Accounted for in any other way appears also to Evince the Justice of this Charge Wm. Adams the Guardian & Overseer both Declare that since Mr. Isaac Barbuts departure chunam has been burnt but once a Month and sometimes not so Often for want of Chunam stone the latter further says that the out turn of the Kiln was about 6, 7 or 8 Coyn which is Acknowledg'd but Instead of Bringing 6, 7 or 8 Coyn to Account often three times the Quantity is brought to Account and it appears that in 7 months from Mr. John Massey's Commencing Paymaster Which was in ℘mo. Jañry 1747/8 there was (Coyn. Bs.) 149. 470 paid for and from that time to Ultimo June 1749, (Coyn. Bs.) 126. 50 Which added to the remains ℘mo. Jañry 1747/8 makes it (Coyn. Bs.) 333–765 But the real and total consumption of Chunam from that time to Ultimo June 1749 is (Coyn. Bs.) 117. 356 of Which only (Coyn. Bs.) 77. 340 was actually then Expended on Cumberland house so that the assertion of Burning Chunam twice and sometimes thrice a month to supply Cumberland House evidently appears to be untrue a far less Quantity being full sufficient for that and all other Purposes during that Interval and there must have then remain'd Specie (Coyn. Bs.) 216. 409 notwithstanding which it is to be observ'd Mr. John Massey still continued to sell Chunam to the Hoñble Company it appears further by the Overseers declaration that he was Generally at Work about 3 Weeks from the Putting in the wood and Stone to the last Shifting of the Chunam having but half the Number of People to Assist him which he had in Mr. Barbuts time to that the chunam could not well be burnt twice much Less three times in a month

by so small a Number of Indolent People as the Mallays are. The Overseer attests on oath that he had only 13 Men to assist him since Mr. Isaac Barbuts Departure and William Adams Declares that he has heard pretty nearly the same Against all Which not the least Proof has been Offer'd to us.

ARTICLE 6TH.

That the said John Massey has since Septr. 1751 Sold Considerable quantities of the Honble. Companys materials but never brought them to Account.

THIS IS PROVED

By his Acknowledgement in Consultation of the 17 Instant and his Books which were directly After Produced in Consultation and Which evince that the Quantity is far from being Inconsiderable as also that he has been paid for them at least in Part.

ARTICLE 7TH.

That the said John Massey has purchased bad Materials for the HON̄BLE COMPANY and that he has contrary to their Standing Positive Orders paid for Materials in cloth and that at unreasonable Rates.

THIS IS PROVED

First with respect to the Badness of the Materials partly by his own Acknowledgement in Consultation of the 10th. April and fully evinced afterwards by Mr. Daniel Tottie's report of the Materials Secondly with regard to the Payment of Materials in Cloth. This is proved by a General Representation from the Merchants of Bencoolen in Which they Acquaint us also with the very Dear Prices the Goods are rated at and the Several Inconveniences and Ill consequences attending this strictly forbidden Practice and the Losses by them sustain'd on this Account requesting therefore that they may be paid in future in Money only. The vast Quantities of the most Perishable materials such as Bamboes & Attops and in General the Great Quantities of Materials annually purchased more than in former times and the Purchases of Bad Materials and increase of the Expences of this Settlement seem Evidently to be the Genuine Effects of this Pernicious practice it being so much for the Interest of the Paymaster when Payments are made in Cloth to Purchase the most Perishable Commodities and as much of all as he can Good or bad and then to Expend them as fast as is Possible that he may buy more to the Prejudice of the HON̄'BLE COMPANY.

FORT MARLBRO'
MAY THE 21ST. 1753.

ROBERT HINDLEY.
JOHN BEACH.
WILLM. SMITH.
RAND. MARRIOTT.
JOSEPH GUNN.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL ROBERT HINDLEY ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBROUGH.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

Having in my Passage from Fort St. George hither touched at Nattall Dattoo Buzar and the Head Men of that Place laid hold of the Opportunity to acquaint me in a formal Assembly with several particulars which I promis'd them to represent to your Worship &c. Council and which are as follows.

First they complain'd that in Little more than a twelve month they had three Residents which they said occasion'd new Orders new Regulations and occasion'd them some trouble and uneasiness; that Mr. Alexander Hall not being very well versed in their Language their Laws or their Customs they Desir'd that some Person might be sent as Assistant to him who was better acquainted with these things for as they had a troublesome People to manage

these Qualifications were highly necessary to the Resident for the Better Settling and deciding the many Disputes they had amongst them. I hope your Worship &ca. Council will not Construe this as any reflection upon Mr. Hall who Considering the time he has been in the Country has made a Greater progress in the Mallay Language &ca. then could be Well expected but this Place requires a thorough Acquaintance with these matters.

The next thing they Desir'd was that to use their own Phraise as they was the Companys youngest Child they might be treated with the same kindness & Indulgence as their Elder Brothers were and have Granted to them the same Dutys Taxes and Allowances that were Granted to the Pangarans and Pattoos here I told them (as indeed I thought truely) that the Pangarans had no Dutys or Taxes here that the Company Paid them a gratuity on the Pepper Produced in their own District and that they might be assur'd that whenever Natall Produced any Pepper they would be Indulged with the same that the Allowances to the Dattoes here was of old Standing and Given for other reasons then they could pretent to that it was not Allowed of at any out Settlement which should it be granted to them would very likely be expected and that it was neither their Custom nor ours to Give the Younger Child an Equal Inheritance with the Eldest.

Dattoo Buzar then Inform'd me that before we settled there the Master or Commander of Every Ships or Vessel that trade there always made him some Present that since this Custom had been discontinued which he desir'd might be renewed I told him that in regard to the Company's Ships or Vessels it was never usual for them to make any Presents to the Chief of such Places as were in their Possession and that as to other ships or Vessels we could not well compel them thereto that if they found for their Interest they would probably do it and that I did not Imagine any Objections would be made to it but that I was a Good deal Surpriz'd to see him seemingly to regrett the Loss of such a Trifle without once reflecting on the many Advantages that would accrue to him his People and his Country from their being now under the Mild Government and Powerful Protection of the English Company who had put themselves to a very Great Expence on this Account it was indeed true that they did not do this without the hope of obtaining from them soon a large quantity of Pepper which they had promis'd and which they would find it their Interest to Perform as it was to be doubted whether without the Cultivation of this Grain our Hon'ble Master's would continue their Settlement amongst them that I was sorry to find they had yet made so little progress in this Affair and desir'd them to sett heartily and speedily about it wch. they promis'd to do and desird that more Vines & some People Skill'd in planting might be sent to them.

These I think are all or at least the most material Points that Dattoo Buzar & his Head men discoursed of and which are now Submitted to your Worships &ca. Councils Consideration.

I had also a Good deal of Discourse with Sultan Coladen who seems a Very Inoffensive Quiet man and I believe on his own Account will never occasion any Disturbances at Moco Moco being a man of more religion than Ambition he owns that the King of Atcheen much press'd him to Attempt establishing himself at Moco Moco and offer'd him any Assistance of men money and Arms & Vessels which Civility declin'd saying that the Company was too powerful for him to Engage with and that he was unwilling to bring Confusion & trouble on his Country for his sake notwithstanding which the King of Atcheen continued his Civilitys to him and lent him to the Amount of $800 for the support of Himself and his family without which he should have been entirely Destitute & to repay Which he now addressed himself to your Worship &ca. Council in the Accompanying Letter desiring that the Arrears which he apprehends due to him since the Loss of Madrass may be paid him & which would fully enable him to Discharge the Same what right We have to these I shall leave to your Worship &ca. Councils determination but in regard to his Debt at Atcheen & for [which] his Children are Pledg'd I apprehend many Bad consequences may Ensue if they are not redeem'd for by marrying with the King of Atcheens Children or others it may give room for them to form pretence on the Kingdom of Moco Moco but this and many other reasons will

I dare say accrue to your Worship &ca. Council and therefore I shall only Add that I am very respectfully

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Fort Marlbro
28th. June 1753.

Your most obedt. Humble. Servant
Thomas Combes.

Pacquet for Fort St. George ⅌ Delawar.

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3 Copy Charge Exhibited against Mr. John Massey.
4 Do. Captain Burmans Sailing Orders.
5 List of Packet ⅌ Prince George.
6 Captain Burmans Second receipt for $ 4000.
7 Copy Mr. Thomas Combes Letter concerning a conference held with the Head men of Nattall.
8 English Translation of the General Letter from Batavia & Delawar.
9 Dutch General Leter from Batavia dated 10 October 1752.
10 Copy Captain Winters dispatch.
11 Invoice of Sugar Laden on board the Delawar for Fort St. George.
12 First Bill of Lading for Do. Do.
13 Captain Winters first Bill on his owners for $ 1600.
14 Journal & Ledger C.C. arrears Commencing ⅌mo. May 1748 and ending April 1749 to the Care of Captain Winter.
15 Ship Prince George's Acct. Currt.
16 Fort Marlbro Acct. Currt. of Cash Commencing Primo June & ending ye. 9th. July 1753.
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Fort Marlbro
July 11th. 1753.

Richard Wyatt
Seccy.

No. 136.

(Duplicate.)

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of
Fort Saint George.

Honourable Sir and Sirs

The Deputy Governour &ca. here having dismiss'd me the Honble Companys Service without allowing me time to Vindicate myself not withstanding my repeated requests for that Purpose the Charge being not delivered till the day after my Dismission I have [Apply'd] to your Honour &ca. to whom we are Subordinate and now beg leave to Offer to your Consideration my Defence which comes inclos'd together with a Copy of the charge exhibited against me.

I have serv'd ye. Company upwards twelve years with fidelity and am not conscious to myself of having Ever once been Guilty of any fraud or Wrongful Neglect and therefore Humbly hope for your Honours &ca. favourable Regards and that you be pleased to reinstate me in the Service.

I am with the Greatest Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your faithful & Obedient Humble Servt.
John Massey.

Fort Marlbro'
June 20th. 1753.

REPLY TO THE ARTICLES OF A CHARGE EXHIBITED AGAINST ME BY THE DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBRO' HUMBLY OFFERED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE HONOURABLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ., PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

To the 1st. Article I answer that when the Present Method of a Private Person undertaking to Burn Chunam for the Company was enter'd upon It was agreed by the then Deputy Governour &c. Council that the Undertaker should have the use of the Companys Chunam Kiln agreable to Which when at the late Deputy Governour Hurlocks repeated Advice to Erect a Large one after the Model of those at Batavia I understood it to be on the same terms as before but that Gentlemen leaving us soon after and being in a constant Hurry of Business it was Omitted being Order'd in Consultation and as there was a General Order last year to take and settle the Paymasters Remains as well as the remains elsewhere I waited for that and deem'd all along the Bricks used in Buildings the Chunam Kiln as belonging to the Companys Remains the truth of Which I believe the Present Accomptant can Attest and that he has heard me a Good while ago declare I considered those Bricks as such so that appears Plainly I am entirely Innocent of the Crime I am charged with in this Article.

The 2nd. Article charges me with having Overcharg'd the several Buildings with a very large Quantity of Bricks to which I answer that I always guided myself by the Account of them Given me by the Bricklayer who Acquainted me the Bricks were so bad the best then to be Procur'd that a large Allowance ought to be made Which Method he said Mr. Barbut always pursued as to the Great Difference in his Present Calculation of those used on the Parade in the Fort and what wrote off in the Accounts I knew the quantity before they were enter'd and both he & the Late Accomptant Acknowledg'd the reasonableness of it I must add on this head that the Bricklayer has made a Great mistake in his calculate of Bricks as he has cast them up on the Supposition of their Having the same Dementions with those in England whereas those upon the Parade are smaller in the Breadth by 3/4 Inch and of Which I often complain'd to the Brickmaker and that I think makes a difference in that Account only of upward 10000 and with regard to all the other Buildings this will very considerably Lessen the Suppos'd Overcharge and as I could not have any Advantage thereby not Having ever gain'd one Cash by Bricks I am clear'd I conceive from the Charge in this Article.

To the 3rd. & 4th. Articles relating to the Overcharge in the Chunam I Declare I conform'd myself to the Rule my Predecessor followed which the Bricklayer has often told me was the rate of one Bomboe to three Bricks and Sometimes more when the nature of the Buildings requir'd it in which I took the Bricklayers Directions. Under this head I am oblig'd in my Own Vindication to make Publick that the best of my Remembrance the Paymasters Remarks have never once Been settled since the year 1737 when Mr. Rigg became Paymaster to whom Succeeded M^r. Barbut who to my knowledge often applied to have the remains Settled but without Success. On His leaving the Coast I was appointed Paymaster and my Assistant Mr. John Saul took the remains Gave them to the Accomptant Mr. Charles Smith and requested to have them Agreable to the Standing Orders settled Immediately I applied to him Likewise frequently myself for the same Purpose without being able to succeed thro' his Great Backwardness or Perhaps something Else on every Occasion of that Kind. I then applied to the late Deputy Governor M^r. Hurlock acquainting him that on M^r. Barbuts resigning the Employ I found on the General Books upwards of 500,000 Bricks and not one in Specie and as well as I can remember above 100 Coyan of Chunam and only about 15 Coyan in the Companys Godown and 100000 Flat Tyles most of them Good for nothing with other considerable Deficiencies and beg'd Some Method might be taken that I might not be a sufferer in the End. To which he replied he was very sensible there had been some Omissions in the former Paymasters not Writing off to the Buildings the Materials used which join'd to the Great Waste on those Mate-

rials in a course of Ten years must make the Deficiencies very large that he thought the best method in the then juncture of Affairs was by degrees to write them off. Mr. Charles Smith further added that he did not remember any bricks or Chunum ever Brought to account as expended on the Buildings behind the fort Lodgings and has often told me I did not make Sufficient Allowance for waste. To this I add that Mr. Saul who was my Assistant during the Greatest Part of the time when Cumberland house was Building has declar'd to me and is ready to do the same in Publick that he who wrote out the Accts. followed the Bricklayers Estimate with respect to Bricks and Chunam. In consideration of the above Circumstances of Things I own I may be deem'd a little Imprudent in not making Publick Remonstrances but in no Shape Fraudulent or Unfaithful and do aver that as well as in th Bricks so in writing off the Chunam I never Gain'd the Value of one Cash.

The 5th. Article contains a charge of a most heinous nature in Comparison of which I conceive with submissions all the others to be meer Peccadillos and if well founded I could never Expect any favour from the Honble Company and therefore before I enter on what I have to Offer against the vile evidence of a Mallay Man admitted against me with respect to it as well as the proofs I have to Produce in my Behalf and the Utter Improbility that a Man in the enjoyment of his Senses could be Guilty of a fraud so easily to be detected I say I cannot but on an Occasion so important to me which robs me of what is dearer to a Man of any honour and Honesty than his life which accuses me of a Crime my soul abhors and brands me for a Villian upon the Company's Records I repeat it I cannot but in the most Solemn Manner make this declaration which I do as in the Presence of Almighty God before whose General Audit I am taught I must one day appear and to whose Omniscience I now appeal for the Truth of what I say That I never either directly or Indirectly to the best of my knowledge and Beleif charg'd the Honble Company for one Bamboe of the Chunam more than was actually receiv'd into their Godown. Having made this Solemn Attestation which with those who know me either here or in England will I believe be a sufficient clearing me in their Judgements but Perhaps not so with my Accusers I shall Proceed to what I have more to suggest in my own Vindication. This Article it is said is Proved by the attestation of See Mookin Astonishing, that in an Affair which so nearly concerns one of the Company's Servants the Paltry evidence of a Rascally Mallay Man should have any weight when it is generally known that most of them would swear a man out of his Life for a Dollar I dont remember any one Instance of the like. But this is Coroborated by William Adams the Guardian that is as far as he knew or heard and yet a little further down the said William Adams declares that is as if he Absolutely knew that the Chunam kiln was burnt only once a month since Mr. Barbuts Departure, Is not this a Contradiction? First he say's as far as he knew or heard of and afterwards he declares; The Guardian had nothing to do with the Chunam kiln and therefore cannot be supposed to have Observ'd any thing at all about the Burning it more or less and I aver that his and See Mookins declaration relating thereto are Absolutely false and William Adams has often told me he remembered little or nothing about it When I became Paymaster Pmo. Janry 1747/8 I paid Mr. Barbut for about 15 Coyan of Chunam which he Got ready as near as I can Remember the 6th. or 7th. of the said month at the same time I paid him $469. The Debts due him of 26 Men who work'd in the chunam kiln as by his receipt and list I can Produce The 15 Coyan of Chunam was brought to Acct. in the aforesaid Month and the 26 Men Immediately that is at or about the time before mentioned Prepar'd every thing for burning again the Kiln that month and from that time to attend April being almost 4 months they had burnt the Kiln nine times and that agrees with the Paymaster's Accounts and entirely overthrows the Assertion that I brought to Account three times the quantity that is I Imagine two kilns more than were actually burnt which I attest to be false and as I had Got near a Month beforehand the same reasons will hold Good with respect to the subsequent months

wherein three kilns was brought to Account and I have found by Mr. Barbuts Account the Proceeding Year that he has Debted the Company in eight months for 20 Kilns of Chunam and in 4 of the months three Kilns each, which even nearly approaches to three times a month. I had during several months after I became Paymaster near the same number of Men to work in the Kiln I have a further Proof of my not having charg'd the Company with any more chunam that what was deliver'd and that I look upon to be a Demonstration of my Innocence a Mans books of Accounts in these cases are I imagine the best Evidences. It did not occur to me before when I attended the board my having enter'd the Purchace of Chunam stores in my leidger which I can and will at any time Produce and prove by them that I have from P^mo^. Jan^ry^. 1747/8 to P^mo^. Jañry 1751/2 paid for as many chunam stones used in Burning the Kiln for Chunam as will answer very near the whole Quantity I have debted the Company for during that interval deducting the 15 Coyam made by Mr. Barbut and which I Paid him for before he left the Service. It ought to be observ'd that Generally when a Man of Bad Principles designs a fraud he takes care to do it in so artful a manner that the design cant be easily found out. But in the Present case no method could be followed to Prevent an Immediate Discovery. The Kiln was burnt in the face of the whole Settlement. The Accounts wherein the Chunam was entered were regularly and monthly Pass'd by the then Deputy Governour M^r^. Hurlock Mr. Charles Smith Accomptant and M^r^. Henry Coales of Council and not the least Objection ever made to the Acc^t^. of Chunam.

The said Paymasters Accounts have been all likewise regularly sent to England and Hence to Fort S^t^. George where they seem to have pass'd And is not this all Cavilling now at any of them equally a Reflection on the Former Deputy Governour and Council as well as on me I must likewise Observe that what is mention'd in the Proof of this Article with respect to my Selling the Company Chunam when there was a large Quantity on hand ought to have reminded M^r^. Gunn who Imagine drew up all the Articles against me who the year before the Present Deputy Governour M^r^. Hindley left Moco Moco Residency he debted the Company for 240,000 Bricks tho there were then on hand near 900[000] and the total Expence that year was no more than 2600 which Method I suppose of making more Purchases of Bricks would have been continued had not the Board put a stop thereto before M^r^. Hindley's Arrival there being then on the Remains as appears by the General Books 1160,000. But perhaps what is deem'd a fault in me is not to be lookt on in that Light with respect to another who is to be Supported at all Hazards. Upon the whole in What I have said on this head I hope the most Solomn Oath I have taken and the several Proofs I have Offer'd will absolutely Clear me from so foul a charge the very thoughts of Which I hate and detest and repeat again as in the Presence of the Supreem being that I have not been in the least Guilty thereof.

The 6th. Article contains a Matter so trifling that I really think nothing but an Extream desire to throw on me all manner of Odium could have induced the Producing it Does not the Book of Materials I deliver'd to the Board Demonstrate I design'd to pay for them when I had got in all the money and is it not confessed that I had only receiv'd part thereof. I must observe here that the Books I then deliver'd have not yet been sent me back according to Promise and till that is done I cannot Collect in the Company's money.

To the 7th. and last Article I answer that I have Always purchased the best materials to be produced very frequently thrown out those that were bad and Given the strictest Orders to my Assistants to receive more but what was Good Sometimes Perhaps when there has been a Great Scarcity of Bamboes Attops &c^a^. and a particular Call for them to repair the Companys Buildings in very bad Weather a few may have been receiv'd but of an Indefferent Kind and I do aver that no Paymaster can always Get those of a first Rate and unexceptionally Good I likewise further aver that the Several Mallays I

bought the Materials off are ready to make Oath (if their Oaths Will be admitted when in my favour) that no former Paymaster was ever so Rigid in the receipt of Materials as I have been as to Mr. Totties report of their being so excessively Bad. Mr. Samuel Kingston will attest that they were far from being as he has represented them and has declar'd that whilst he was taking the remains of Bamboes Attops and Boards in my behalf agreable to my Appointment he was insulted because he would not Join in the General [. . .] against me with regard to my Selling Cloth to those who brought Materials for the Company so contrary as it is Alledg'd to their Standing Orders. I must remark that I believe those orders are not rightly Understood the Sole Meaning whereof according to my Apprehension being only that no Cloth should be forced on the Mallays instead of money and therefore I do Attest that according to this Explanation I have never once acted contrary to them When they have asked money. I have Paid them and often advanced them even beforehand on my own Account and When they wanted Cloth I let them have it but never once forced it on them. I add further that if no Advancement is ever made the Mallays either of Cloth or Money I really beleive the Company would often be in want of very necessary Materials to the ruins of their Building's and it is a Well known standing Order that no moneys of the Companys is to be Advanced anybody unless sometimes as an Encouragement to a well deserving Pepper Planter and even in that Case I question whether they would approve of it.

Having thus Clear'd my Way thro' all the Dirt and Scandal thrown on me supported by the vile Evidence of a Malay Man and the testimony of People of an Inferiour Low Education and who Possess none of the Best Characters I appeal to the Deputy Governour & Council whether they have not been to precipitate in dismissing me the service before the charge was Given me and the reply I have now made had been maturely consider'd by them whether they ought not to have duely reflected that the severe and cruel sentence they have past on me has not a tendency to bring on me Ruin and Distruction and whether they have not in doing so stretch'd their Power beyond its prescrib'd Limits since more Particularly by Letters from the Hon̄ble Company lately received they are frequently Put in Mind of their Inferiority to the Presidency without whose direction nothing of moment was to be determined but referr'd first thither. I therefore now Appeal to that Superiour Board and flatter myself this my defence will meet with a favourable hearing and to their Impartial decisions I submit myself.

John Massey.

Fort Marlbro June 20th. 1753.

No. 137.

Translated from the Dutch
Madrasspatnam.

To the Hon̄ble John Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour on behalf of the
Hon'ble English East India Company on the
Coast of Choromandel and the Gentlemen of
the Council at Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The Subscriber hereof on the Arrival here of your Hon̄ble Companys Ship Delawar Commanded by Captain Thomas Writer on the 20th. April Ulto. having receiv'd your honour'd letter of the 5th. Janry. of this year The high Regency in Consequence of your Request not only Permitted the said Captain

to Give his Ship all necessary repairs on the Islands but also Consented to his Providing and purchasing the proper Timber and likewise Granted the said Capt. whatever Else he desir'd by which means the ship is so well refitted as to be in a condition to Undertake the Voyage back again to you by which opportunity the Subscriber cannot omit Giving you reciprocal Assurances of his Esteem & readiness to maintain a Good Understanding with your Honour &ca. which we have always endeavour'd to do of which our Letter in relation to the Bencoolen Disputes a Copy whereof Accompanys this is a further Proof and we dont doubt but the assistance Given to the above Mention'd Ship will also Serve as a Confirmation the Subscriber being with Esteem.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Very humble Servant
J. Mossel.
Translated from the Dutch.

Batavia Castle
2 June 1753.

To the Honble Robert Hindley Esqr.
Governour and also the Gentlemen of the
Council on behalf of the Honble
English East India Company at Fort
Marlborough.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd the Letters which you did us the Honour to write us dated 22 Janry. and 14 April of this year and we are concern'd that you could not Understand anything of the contents of our Preceeding Letter dated 10 October 1752 not having been able as you say in your first mention'd Letter to Procure anybody sufficiently Versed in our Language to Translate it on which Account we in compliance with your request now enclose you a translation thereof in the french Language and should have done so at first if we had imagined you could have been at a Loss we shall henceforward always send a french Translation with our Letters Persuading ourselves that this is your meaning and that you are too discreet to Desire us hereafter to write in that Language agreable to the Litteral Sense of your Aforementioned Letter.

After the justice Executed here on the Persons found Guilty of the Massacre of the Crews of the Praws and after the Offers so frequently made you and lately repeated in our letter of the 14th. July 1752 of restoring every thing came to our hands belonging to those vessels on condition that we might be fully Acquitted of the same we are surprized you should renew your requests on that subject in the same manner as if nothing had Past in relation to it the intention of which we are not able to penetrate as we cannot Imagine that by the Appearance of Ignorance you mean to foment the Misunderstanding between the two nations nor can be we think it has been out of Your Power to learn the Contents of that and our former Letters in default of some Person sufficiently versed in the dutch Language to translate them for judging of others by what we should do ourselves we suppose that in such case you would not have fail'd giving us an Opportunity to remove that obstacle to the restoring a Good understanding and Harmony.

This is the Case also of your Complaint in Relation to the Unlawful (as it is call'd) seizure of the Surprize Sloop for that this act is no wise so unlawfull as you would willingly make it appear is Circumstantially demonstrated in our letter of July 1752 and is made so evident by the Contents of that dated 10th. October that we think it needless for us to enter into any further Arguments notwithstanding which a readiness has been shewn to embrace the Opportunity of Paying a Regard to your Letter where in you reclaim that Vessel and her Cargo and to wave our wright of confiscating both but the Commander Joseph Bond who would not be Present here at the Unloading

without doubt premeditately seeking Opportunity to Chicane objected that some trifling Goods where wanting and moreover declared that he was not sufficiently authorized and consequently in no condition to Give us a Proper discharge. You can only therefore thank him or yourselves that the restitution did not take Place and it now only rests with you to let it take Effect whenever you think Proper and shall Give the Proper Authoritys for that Purpose and we are well assur'd his Britannick Majesey is too Equitable not to be satisfied with our Pacifist and reasonable deportment in both the Aforemention'd Cases and that as his Majesty missed by Partial relations may have entertain'd disadvantagious Sentiments on those Occasions it is Permitted us (if we may use the manner of Expression) to Appeal from Caesar Misinform'd to Casar rightly Inform'd whence you may Perceive how much we should be concern'd were you to make Application any were else or use any more threatening Expressions with which you are used to Adress us but which we shall not return as it is by the Appearance of Ignorance you mean to foment the Misunderstanding far from our Inclination to widen the breach already made in the Antient friendship by such a disagreable manner of Writing but would Gladly repair it as far as may be without suffering the rights and priviledges of our Company to be trampled under foot on which Account we so readily complied with your request in Relation to the Ship Delawar belonging to the Honble English Company, and Granted the Settlement of Croee desir'd to repair a Sloop at this Place and for which Purpose we advanced for Account of the Honble English Company three thousand Rix Dollars to be repaid here in due time abateting one hundred and fifty Spanish Rials with which you were so kind as to Assist the master of our Companys Sloop the Goedwench on our Account We are (under) Honble Sir & Sirs (lower) your Very humble Servants (Sign'd) J. Massei. J.V.S., Vongollenesse A. Van Broyel, J. Vander Waeyen. P. A. Vander Parra T. Vander Spar P. Vanden Valde D. Van Rneden A. D. Ny's W. Van Bazel (in Margin.)

This agrees
M. Craan.

Batavia 30th. May 1753.
Examin'd
by
Gerdd. Ds. Kamme.

No. 138.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President Govr. &c. &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having been honoured with your Commission for purchasing a Cargo of Timber and Plank at Batavia on account of the Honble Company for which I return you my sincere thanks and heartily Wish I could have fullfill'd it.

But as I inform'd your honours in my Letter from that Place May 14th. by the Fanny Capt. Whiteway of the scarcity of that Commodity here.

I do assure your honours its with much difficulty and trouble I got what I have Purchased already their being none to be bought but from the Company or China Men and at no small price.

The Inclosed is the Diary and Invoice as also the Cost and Ballance of Acct. which is three thousand Two hundred & five Spanish Dollars one Schelling & five Stivers.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Wth. the greatest Respects
Your Most Obet. Hble. Servt.
Thos. Winter.

Batavia June 6th. 1753.

INVOICE & COST OF SUNDRYS GOODS AND MERCHANDIZE LADEN ON BOARD THE SHIP DELAWAR BY CAPT. THOMAS WINTER ON ACCT. & RISQUE OF THE HONBLE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPY. OF MERCHTS. OF ENGLAND FOR THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR. PRESIDENT GOVT. &C. &C. COUNCIL VIZT.

April 28	To 28 peices of Timber 10 Ins. @ 12 sq. 17 Ins. @ 23 long. @ 4½	90	—	—
May 3	10 Large D°. 15 @ 19 s. & 19 upwds. long @ 5½	55	—	—
9	10 Ditto 7 @ 10 and 17 @ 22 upwds. long @ 4 .. .. %	40	—	—
10	10 Ditto Large 5½ ..	55	—	—
	10 Ditto from 10 @ 12 and 17 Ins. @ 23 @ 4½.	45	—	—
12	78 Plank 2 Ins. Thick 16 Feet long & 1½ Feet. @ 4½.	156	—	—
14	8 Peices Timbr. @ 10 Ins. to 12 Sqr. 17 @ 23 @ 4½	36	—	—
16	20 Ditto 7 @ 10sr. 18 @ 22 4 ..	80	—	—
17	20 Ditto d°...	80	—	—
18	To 105 Sheathing Boards @ ¾ ..	78	6	—
20	10 Peices Timber 7 @ 9 sq. & 17 @ 23 @ 4	40	—	—
301		755	6	—
	To 40 days Expence on shore Purchasing the above @ 5 R.D. ℔ Day	200	—	—
	For my Commission on 755-6 @ 5 ℔ Cent ..	37	6	1
	Rix Dollars ..	993	4	1
	Spanish Dollars ..	794	8	1
	To Ballance due	3205	1	5
	..	4000	—	—

April 15	By Cash receiv'd of the Worshipful Robt. Hindley Esqr. Deputy Govr. & Council at Bencoolen	4000	—	—
		4000	—	—

BATAVIA JUNE 6th. 1753.

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ THOS. WINTER.

No. 139.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Mr. Dupleix's Answer to your Honour &ca. Letter transmitted to us by us the 3rd. Instant being just come to hand We now enclose the Same & are with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most obedient Humble Servants

Richard Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David

August the 13th. 1753.

No. 140.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour of
Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Nothing Material occurring since my last I have only to enclose you the Accounts of this place for July and am with the Greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & Most oblig'd
humble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandar Malanka
Augst. the 3rd. 1753.

No. 141.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves purposely to Acquaint you of our having receiv'd into the Honble Compys. Cash the following sums for which we have drawn two setts of Bills of Exchange on your honour &ca.

One Sett Bills of Exchange for one hundred and fifty Seven Pagodas thirty fans. and twenty five Cash for so, much receiv'd here of Thos. Cooke Esqr.	Ps. 157	30	25
One Sett Bills of Exchange for one Thousand Pagodas for so much receiv'd here of Captain George Gardener.	1000	—	—

Both setts made Payable at five days sight the first to William Perceival Esqr. or Order & the last to Captain Henry Schaub or to his orders.

We remain with Great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servants

Rich^{d}. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^{t}. Paul.

Fort S^{t}. David
Augst. the 18 . 1753.

N°. 142.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We hereby advise you that by Order of the Honble. the Court of Directors we have Consign'd to you by bills of Lading and Invoice the Cargo of Slaves on board the Dragon purchased at Madagascar and also the remaining Part of the Slaveing Cargo and are with due respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble
Servants at Command
Henry Kent.
Michael Morgan.

Ship Dragon
July 23rd. 1753.
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N°. 143.

To the Honble. Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council
Of Fort S^{t}. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by our Honble. Masters Sloop Dragon whom we dispatch to you with forty two Bales (42) of Callicoes the amount whereof as ℘ Invoice (which comes enclos'd) is three Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty Eight Pagodas Twenty four Fanams and twenty four Cash (3758—24—24) the Bill of Lading sign'd by the Sarang Voloopore We also transmit to you.

We Are now to Acquaint your Honour &c^{a}. that the Detachment under Command of Captn. Ridge at Dave Cotah are to Pursue their March this Evening or to Morrow Mourning for Trichanopoly Majore Lawrence having Signified to the Deputy Governour that it was necessary that Party should join him as soon as Possible in Consequence of Which We have Given Capt. Ridge orders to that Purpose.

We beg leave to repeat our requests for your Honours &c^{a}. Compliance in full with our Indent already sent up to you for Broad Cloath likewise for Stationary of Both Which Articles. We are in Great Want We have only to add that We are with Perfect Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum^{ble}. Servants

Richard Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^{t}. Paul.

Fort S^{t}. David
Augst. the 26th. 1753.

N°. 144.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Commands by the Syren have been duely receiv'd I shall pay strict regard to your Orders Concerning the Ground in Dispute but it is out of my Power to return the Paddy as the Fresh had Carried it away before your favour came to hand.

The Supply your Honour &c^a. have sent me will be Sufficient as the cloth brought in since I began the Investment has been so Extra bad that I have not been able out of the Large Quantities I have sorted to Collect no more than what is specified at the foot hereof which is matter of Great Concern to me as I find your Honour &c^a. Depends greatly on the N'ern Settlements for the Dispatch of the September Ship. The French have began to Coyn Dubs at Metchelepatam which has already had the Good Effect of Lowering the Price & I hope shortly they will Come to their Old Standard if so the Merchants have promis'd to bring in what Quantity of Cloth I will contract for & of a Good Manufacture by Christimas. I shall take particular Care in making Advances to my Merchants to reserve sufficient for my Expences as not to be oblig'd to trouble your Honour &c^a. for a further supply till next Season.

Captain Grant will take his passage on my Vessel wch. I shall Dispatch with my Bales the latter End of this Month.

Agreable to your Honours &c. Orders I shall apply to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for what Gunpowder I may want.

Enclosed Comes Journal Parcells & Cash account for the last month with the monthly Extract according to your Honours &c^a. Directions & I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
9th. Aug^st. 1753.

Cloth on hand at the Wash.

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N°. 145.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Presid^t. and Govern^r. of Fort St. George
&c^a. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am greatly oblig'd by your Honours &c^a. favour of the 27th. past and return you my thanks for your kind regards to me express'd therein as also for the supply of Pagodas you have been pleas'd to send which with what I have already receiv'd (exclusive of a Necessary reserve for the Expences of the factory till the next Season) I hope I shall not fail to Invest and send you Jannuary.

The French are Endeavouring at an Investment this way and to that end have thrown Large Sums into their Merchants hands notwithstanding which we should be at no loss to keep our Ground against them were they under

Greater Restrictions or we Less but whilst they can take all they lay their hands upon without Measuring of Sorting and we Oblig'd to be strict in both it will be no easy matter for our Merchants to Perswade the Weavers to keep up to our Musters so much against their own ease and Interest.

As my whole Attention is engag'd for the Service and Interest of my Hon̄ble Masters here I hope it will be attended with such success as may give your Honour &ca. no cause to Complain wch. would give me the Greatest uneasiness.

On Account of the Great floods this year (which have been more than Usual) your Letter did not arrive till two days past. Mr. Heath is at Madepollam where I sent him on Account of some Washermen who formerly serv'd the Company and indeed are Indepted to us and who are now detain'd there by the french, so soon as he arrives and can Prepare himself he shall set out for Vizagapatam but in Case it should be too late to meet Colonel Scott there I shall wait your further Orders where to send him.

Agreable to the form of the report you have been Pleas'd to send me I shall draw out one Monthly and send with my Accounts.

I am with the Greatest Esteem.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most
Oblig'd Humble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandar Malanka
August 17, 1753.

No. 146.

To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We address'd you yesterday by the Sloop Dragon this now serves to Enclose you the Account of Guns Mortars &ca. that are here & at Deve Cotah with their several Weights & the Places where they are Mounted agreable to our Hon̄ble Masters Directions transmitted to us by your Honour &ca. with your favour of the 19 Ulto. the List of Stores supplied the Sloops Syren & Dragon also Accompanys this the Serang of the latter having desir'd an advance of three months Impress for him and his Lascars as most of their familys live at Cudalore We have complied therewith.

The great scarcity of wax here obliges our Military Storekeeper to request a supply of forty (40) Peices for the use of the Camp which concludes us with respect

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robert Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
August 28th. 1753.

N°. 147.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Adress is only to acquaint you that we have drawn one Sett of Bills of Exchange on your Honour &ca. as follows.

One sett Bills of Exchange for Two Thousand Pagodas Ps. 200
for so much receiv'd here of Thos. Cooke Esqr.

Made Payable to John Smith Esqr. to order at five days sight.

We are with respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Thos. Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
August 30th. 1753.

N°. 148.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Favour of ye. 26 & 31 May with the Packett from England ℔ Clinton for which we are Oblig'd to you and likewise for the Advices you transmitted to us of the Honble Company's Ships.

You may Depend on our Sending you the most Early Intelligence of the Quantity of Tonnage that may be Expected on this side so soon as the Season will admit of our Corresponding with the Gentlemen on the Mallabar Coast but at Present on Account of the Rains but all Communication is entirely cut off.

The Honble Company having strenuously recommended to us to assist Bengall Presidency with as much Cash as can possibly be spar'd we in Obedience thereto remitted Sixty Thousand (60,000) Rups. by way of Surat and purposed Sending a further Sum by the Same Channell but the troubles which sometime since broke out at Delly prevented our Intention. We therefore now Inclose Bills of Exchange for One hundred Thousand (100000) Rupees drawn by Nemidass Suckimdass on Ajadut Nemidass at the rate of one hundred Thousand (100,000) Bombay for One Hundred three thousand One hundred and twenty five (103,125) Arcot Which sum we request you will recover and forward to Bengall by the first Good opportunity.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Richd. Bourchier.
J. Sewell.
H. Symmons
Thos. Hodges.
Wm. Hornby.

Bombay Castle
23 July 1753.

N°. 149.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your honour &ca. favours of the 26th. & 29th. Ultmo. as likewise the Treasure Wares & Stores agreable to the Invoices therein Inclosed. We now return to you our Honble Masters Ship Delawar having landed the Timbers Agreable to your directions being 54 in Number as ℔ the Master Carpenters report herewith. The Sloop Dragon carried you some days past all the Bales we had ready made up about 140 more have been a long time cured at the Washers but for want of Clear Weather or not yet Conge'd.

Of the supply of Cash you have been pleas'd to send us by this ship We have already Discharg'd Bills drawn on us by the Deputy Paymaster at Trichanoply to the amount of Pagodas 5000 & 28000 Rupees which with an advance of Ps. 10000 to Irshippa Chitty & the advances made to the Paymaster. We apprehend a further supply will be required by the end of the Month and as the Winter Season will be then far advanced We hope it will be sufficiently large to enable us to hold out till January as we find no dependance can be placed on our Getting any sums paid in here for Bills.

We have acquainted the Salem Merchants with your Honours &ca. Answer to their Petition for sending an Escort who shew themselves very desirous of having their Cloth brought away and wait Impatiently for Major Lawrences Answer.

Mr. Drake is much Concern'd to find the Representation he has made you of his Ill State of Health is so little Credited by your Honour &ca. He informs us that his Complaints have much increased and that he is at present to much out of order to deliver in his answer but he intends it as soon as he is Able.

We have Stationed Mr. Alexander Baird under the Secretary & have duely fixed at our Gates Copys of the Advertisements [your] Honour &ca. Inclosed us regarding the opening of a Mayors Court.

A Petition from the Painters of Tripopilore & another from the Renters of the Weighing and Measuring Duties being Presented to We take leave to enclose them for your Honor &ca. Sentiments thereon.

We have Acquainted Lieutenant Keene with your Honours &ca. Permission for [resigning] the Service which he has accordingly [done].

The Revd. Mr. Stavely proceeds [to] you on this Ship.

With this waits on you our [. . .] Account Current to the Last of April also Consultations & Monthly Papers for July. We are not yet favoured with your Directions regarding the Military Storekeepers List of Memorandum which Still Prevents our making up the [Nabobs] Account Judging that many Issues thereon must be charg'd to it.

We likewise Transmitt an Indent for Military Stores wanting for the Use of the Garrison together with Invoice of horse furniture sent your Honour &ca. on the Delawar & remain with Perfect respect.

Yor. Honble. Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble. Servant[s].
RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
SEPTEMBER THE 8TH. 1753.

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TO THE WORSHIPFUL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.

DEPUTY GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

The Humble Petition of the Painters of Tripopilore

SHEWETH

That your Petitioners & their Predicessors have been Inhabitants here upwards of Sixty years & have all along had the liberty of Bringing Cloth to paint here from Pondicherry Porto Novo and Negapatam which when finished they always paid the Companys Export Custom besides this your Petirs. brought Cloth & Painted on their own Account & when they could not meet with an agreable Sale here were allways Allowed to take their Goods to either of the Premention'd Markets paying the Export duty for the same. But in the year 1751 Govr. Saunders forbid Your Petitioners taking any Cloth to paint from Pondichery or to export any of their Paintings as usual to either Pondicherry Porto Novo or Negapatam & for the 2 years Past Mr. Saunders bought all their Goods but not this year & as your Petirs. have on hand a large quantity of Goods for which to Purchase Cloth &ca. they have borrowed Money & their Creditors very urgent for Payment they therefore beg they may have the usual Privelege of Carrying their Goods to the said Markets and bring Cloth from the Said Ports to Paint or they must be inevitably receiv'd for they cannot turn themselves to any other calling as some of the Inhabitants may as Farmers business making Paddy Fields &ca. but your Petitioners are bred Pain[ters] and on that is their whole Dependance for Livelyhood whereof upon this prohibition for want of a living some have left the bounds.

Your Petitioners humbly [crave] your Worship &ca. will be so good to represent the Premises to the Honble Governour & Council of Fort St. George that they may be restor'd to former Preveleges & be in Capacity to maintain themselves and familys.

Which Will in Duty bind your Worships &ca. Petitioners.

EVER TO PRAY

TO THE WORSHIPFUL RICHD. STARKE ESQR.

DEPUTY GOVR. OF FORT ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCIL.

The humble. Petition of Cootah

SHEWETH

That the measuring & weighing Dutys in Mr. Hindes time was first farm'd to Ramiah Pags. 200 Yearly who having kept the Cowle for 6 Months finding himself a Losser desired to deliver it up when Mr. Hinde sent for your Petitioner & requested him to take that branch promising his protection that everyone should pay what should become due from them which Indeed was performed Nevertheless in the last year of the Cowle thro' the frequent Wars all importation of Grain from the Cowle was Stop'd therefore on the decease of Mr. Hinde Your Petitioner made his address to Govr. Floyer & Council setting forth that he must be a Great sufferer as so Material a Branch as the Land Importation was Stoped when them [sic] Gentlemen took it into Consideration & abated your Petr. P. 400 in that years Rent when his Honour Saunders offer'd your Petitioner this Branch of the Companys Revenues to

farm he rais'd the Rent to Pag[s]. 400 but when your Peti[r]. Scrupled taking it (as it was double the Rent of the last) he told your Petitioner that this would be the Presidency and that all ships and boats of Grain would come to this Part and a free Importation from the Country upon this Encouragement your Petitioner engaged but to his Great Loss not only this Place becoming a Subordinacy but thro' out the Wars in the Country all Importation from the land is stop'd and besides what is insupportable the Commander of ships & Boats go away & refuse Paying the Customary Duty and when your Peti[r]. Sends to their Agents who some of those Commanders have said will pay for them your Petitioner servants are Dismiss'd with hard Language and severe threatnings of a good thrashing if they offer to Come on such Unwelcome Messages by these means your Petitioner cannot get in his Dutys & has been Oblig'd to Borrow Money to make Good his Payments to the Company therefore being no longer able to Continue to farm this Revenue he humbly begs Liberty to Lay down the Cowle unless your Worship &c[a]. will be Pleas'd to order the Companys Merchants to pay their Dutys which they refuse & in Consideration of the land Import being Stopped to make some abatement in the Rent which particulars if your Worship &ca. think proper to Comply with your Petitioner shall continue the farm and as in Duty Bound will.

EVER TO PRAY.

FORT S[T]. DAVID
5TH. SEPT[R]. 1753.

INDENT OF MILITARY STORES WANTED AT FORT ST. DAVID VIZ[T].

Drums Compleat—6 Six.

Brass Wire Seives of Sorts—6 Six.

PETER ST. PAUL
Military Storekeeper.

N°. 150.

TO THE HOÑBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

We adress'd you yesterday by the Delawar this only Serves to Inform you that we have drawn on your Honour &c[a]. one Sett Bills of Exchange as follows.

	P[s].
One Sett Bills of Exchange for one thousand Pagodas for so much received here of Mr. John Call.	100 — —

Made Payable to Captain John Brohier or Order at five days Sight.

We are With respect
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

FORT S[T]. DAVID
SEPT[R]. THE 6TH. 1753

RICH[D]. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
ROB[T]. SLOPER.
PETER S[T]. PAUL.

N°. 151.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what we wrote you Under Date the 6th. Instant We now transmit to you (at Mr. Drakes request) his Answer deliver'd into the board with the Papers therein referr'd to setting forth that he is incapable of undertaking the Commission Your Honour &c^a. have appointed him to he hopes that the same will meet with your favourable Reception we remain with Great Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Rich^d. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort S^t. George
7 of Septr. 1753.

To the Worshipfull Rich^d. Starke Esqr.

Deputy Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort St. David.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

It give me inexpressable Affliction that the Hon̄ble President & Council of Fort St. George should think me capable of Prevaricating with them in regard to my Illness especially as I must beg leave to assure you that I am so much worse at present than I was at the time I had the Honour to Address them about it that I find it absolutely Impossible for me to Comply with their late Orders for my Proceeding to the West Coast. The Inflamation in my Liver is so very bad that it is with the greatest difficulty I get any rest and without I enter upon another course of Mercury very shortly the Doctors have assur'd me that [. . .] of my Life under [. . .] you must Imagine my [. . .] to be [. . .] however it is some [. . .] a Censure. I am Conscious to myself I don't deserve nor would I wish my Enimys to suffer What I do & what I must (God knows) before I am Cur'd. I beg leave to lay before you a Letter receiv'd a few Days ago from the Two Doctors Messrs. Hancock & Massey in Answer to one I wrote them which must trouble you with the Perusal of Both Which I request the favour may be transmitted to their Honour &c^a. which I hope will Occasion them to alter their Opinions of me and that they will do me the justice to believe that nothing but my Extream Illness (having a real regard for the Interest of my Honourable Employers) could Possibly prevent my Expecting so Creditable a Commission and submitting to their Honours &ca. Orders with the greatest Chearfullness imaginable.

I am with great Respect
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Hum^ble. Servant
Dawsonne Drake.

Fort S^t. David
the 7th. of September 1753.

Sir

Copy. As I find some of the Gentlemen at Madrass Imagine that my Complaint of an Indisposition is nothing but a Mere Pretence to Get excus'd Going to the West Coast I must desire the favour of you & Mr. Masseys Opinion of it

& whether you think me fit in my Present Condition to undertake that Voyage & the important Commission of Supervising ye. Accounts of that Settlement when I do Solemly protest to you that I am frequently Disorder'd so much as to be entirely disqualified for any business. Whatsoever My Blood is (as it were) stopt in its right Circulation or swelling which I'am seized with on sudden from the least Vexation & frequently from only apprehension & which is often attended with Shooting Pains all over my body. While I am in that Condition I really know not what I do or hardly what I say my Intellectual faculties are so shock'd and Bewilder'd. This is really & truely the case with me & I assure you I am ready to undergo any operation towards my cure whenever you think proper as nothing in the world ever Gave me More uneasiness than this has.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
Dawsonne Drake.

Fort St. David
the 19th. August 1753.

I have lately been a good deal afflicted from more fretting at my appointment that it should happen at so unlucky a season.

To Mr. Hancock.

Sir

I receiv'd your favour of the 19th. desiring my Opinion of your Illness I take it to Proceed from an Obstruction to remove which I have already tryed all the most Powerfull De Obstruents wherewith I'm Acquainted even Mercury but without Success. My Advice is that you should try the Effects of a regular Dyet with Gentle Exercise and that you should be Extreamly Cautious to avoid all Fatigue & if Possible every thing which may Give you the least anxiety as they would Probably be of very bad Consequences. I think it by no means Advisable for you to attempt another Course of Medicine till if weather is more Cool & Settled when I shall again Endeavour your Cure by Mercury. Copy.

Should any Extraordinary Symptom arise in the Interval it may Possibly be an Indication of the Proper remedy.

I am
Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
J. Hancock.

Fort St. David
the 27th. of August 1753.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.

Sir

I have seen your letter wherein you Desire my opinion of your Health accordingly I have Given which Intirely corresponds with Mr. Hancocks and am

Sir
Your most Humble Servt.
Fas. Willm. Massey.

Fort St. David
the 27th. of August 1753.

To Dawsonne Drake Esqr.

No. 152.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Address of the 5th. Acquainted you of the Draughts that were then made on us from the Army at Trichanopoly which alone led us to represent that a further supply would be wanted by the end of the Month. Since then another Bill has been Tendered to us Drawn by the Deputy Commissary for

P. 5075 which in Obedience to a General Order We have from your Honour &c^a^. We thought ourselves obliged to accept. We think it necessary therefore to apprise you how considerably our Ballance is reduced thereby being only Ps. 9200 which we are pretty Certain will barely suffice the month out for the Expences of the Garrison. We therefore take leave to recommend this Circumstances to your Consideration hopeing that you will not only Enable us to answer the Continuation [. . .] Draughts of the Army but render it in our Power to make Advances for an Investment as your Honour &ca. must be equally sensible with us it is become so late that not a Day should be lost in that business if any Performances therein is expected from us What we advanced to Irshippa Chitty the other day out of your late Remittance We have no doubt will be presently Brought in and have Good hopes of doing Considerably more by January if we are timely supplied for that Purpose but here you will please to observe that we have not Dependance on Caun Modeliar as the Utmost he promises to bring in of his old Ballance is 4000 Pags. and Even this we cannot relye on till his Debts are recover'd.

We remain with Great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble. Servant
RichD. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
RobT. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David.
SeptR. the 12th. 1753.

No. 153.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders EsqR.
President and Governour &cA. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Lre by the Winchelsea came to hand a few days past. The Troubles & Scarcity of Dubs till continuing makes the Procuring of Good Cloth extreamly difficult but as your Honour &ca. has sent Copper to Vizagapatam to be coin'd I may venture to assure you that by December I shall be able to Invest the full amount of the supplys you have sent me in good Cloth. What I have on hand (though but a small quantity) is extreamly Good the Commission you Enclosed to me for Mr. Black has been Delivered to him. Having nothing further to add I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott

Ingeram
24th. August 1753.

Account Cloth on Hand at the Wash.

L. C. O.	... ...	63	5
L. C. F.	... ...	4	8
Co.	...	70	13

N°. 154.

To the Hon~ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President. & Governour of Fort St. George &c^a. Council.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

I have receiv'd your Honours &c^a. favour of the 13th. past inclosing the Acc^t. Sortments of Cloth and Account Current with this Factory but as there is a Mistake in the former whereby I am Credited for the Freight of 75 Bales Less than What I sent (exclusive of those by the Brilliant) I shall defer Closing the Books till I have your Answer.

M^r. Heath left this Place for Vizagapatam the 20th. Past.

Herewith comes the Accounts of this Place for last Month & I'am with the Greatest Esteem

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most obliged Humble Servant
John Andrews

Bander Malanka
Septem^r. 2nd. 1753.

N°. 155.

To the Hon~ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of Fort St. George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

We are duly favoured with yours of the 11th. Instant by the Bombay frigate from the Contents of which in regard to Mr. Drake We are of opinion that you had not receiv'd ours of the 7th. as you order him Immediately on M^r. Pybus's Arrival to deliver over his Employs to him & proceed directly to Madrass he begs leave to represent the Concern he's under that your Honour &c^a. should still Persist in thinking him Trifling with you as it was never in the least his Intentions that he has already Given his determinate Answer for his not Proceeding to the West Coast to which together with the two Letters from Dr. Hancock & Mr. Massey he desires you will Please to refer & hopes that after your purusal of them you would have a more favourable Opinion of him however should you still think proper (notwithstanding what he has sett forth) to Dismiss him from his Employs he has nothing to do but to obey your Orders & to submit to his Misfortune with all due Patience as to his going up to the Presidency only to wait on your Honour &c^a. he fears it will be of bad Consequences as he is Indispensably oblig'd to go and a Course of Mercury very shortly finding the pain in his side greatly Increas'd & had he not this real Excuse to urge for Staying here yet he Could not Proceed to Madrass Directly as it will naturally take him up some time to settle his affairs with Mr. Pybus & others relating to his Employ as Military Paymaster.

We have receiv'd the Six Chests of Small Arms & shall according to your orders deliver them to whomsoever the Governor of Tranquebar thinks Proper should receive them & are with Perfect Respect

Fort S^t. David
Septr. 15th. 1753.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Rich^d. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^t. Paul.

N°. 156.

To the Honble. Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 13th. We have duely receiv'd & in regard to the dependence you have on us for Bales we are sorry to acquaint you that it will not be in our Power to answer it as fully as you Expect since the Utmost We can send you in time for the Delawar will be one hundred. We are in great hopes of Getting in a further quantity of Cloth by January Provided your Honour &ca. are pleas'd to furnish us sufficiently with Money for that Purpose.

We have Communicated to Cawn Modeliar & Tenevaroy the Article relating to them in your favour of the 29th. Ultimo and have demanded their Resolutions in regard to the Method they would Chuse for settling their Disputes. In Consequence of which the former informed us that he should be very Willing to have it decided by Arbitration and is very averse to its being prefered to the Mayors Court whereas Tonevaroys first Choice is for Court and if that Cannot be admitted for want of Cawn Modeliars Consent he proposes to Choose Arbitrations among the Inhabitants at your Place but this Cawn Modeliar tells us that he is determin'd not to submit to Pleading that they are both Merchants of this Place and being the Premises where their Disputes have arose He thinks himself Justly intitled to a decision of these Inhabitants who are reasonably to be supposed better Acquainted with the Nature of their Cause. As your Honour &ca. have repeatedly forbid our Offering any Compulsive Methods We can do no less than acquaint you of this Proceeding hoping that you will be convinced how little can be affected from the Mild Measures you have stipulated to our Observance & from which we can never undertake to Deviate without your special Permission.

We have spoke to Mr. Pybus in regard to the Memorandum Account which he Promises to settle shortly in a Proper Manner.

The New Regulations relating to the train of Artillery & Method for Accounting for the Materials expended in the fortifications &ca. shall be carefully put in Practice for the future.

We Now enclose your Honour &ca. a Copy of a petition We have receiv'd from Cootah the Arrack Farmer which we refer to your Consideration takeing leave to acquaint you that the Deputy Governor has frequently complain'd of Toneveroys being very backward in making Payment of his share in the Rent also that Irshippa Chitty has acknowledg'd himself to be the Principal Person & is very Willing to become Partner with Cootah as mention'd in the Petition should your Honour &c. Consent thereto.

Captain George Gardiner has applied to us for the Arrears of Clothing Money which the Soldiers of the Bombay Detachment say they are Intitled to he represents them as very troublesome on that account however we have Inform'd him that we could not discharge the same without your Permission. We beg to be favour'd with your Honour's &ca. directions on this Head as soon as Possible.

Accompanying this come an Indent for Packing Stuff which our Warehouse keeper Requests your Compliance with by the first conveyance that offers.

Fort S^t^. David
Septr. the 18 1753.

We are With Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Rich^d^. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Dawsonne Drake.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICHARD STARKE ESQ[R].
DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF FORT S[T]. DAVID &C[A]. COUNCIL.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF COOTAH ARRACK FARMER

SHEWETH

When your Petitioner offer'd to Rent the Arrack Farm His Honour Saunders Propos'd and directed your Petitioner to take Irshippa Chitty as Joint Partner in the said Farm to Which your Petitioner readily Consented but to his Great surprize when he was to sign the Cowl he found Tenavaroys name Inserted in the Place of Irshippa Chitty upon Which your Petitioner refus'd signing at Which time Irshippah Chitty told your Petitioner he only employ'd Tenavaroy as his Agent to act for him but that he himself would be Answerable Agreable hereunto Your Petitioner has carried on all Bargains & Contracts with Irshippa Chitty as Principle and look'd upon Tenavaroy as before S[d]., as only his Agent and Accordingly Irshippa chitty's Conicopoly has in Conjunction with your Peti[rs]. Conycopoly taken all Acct[s]. relating to the said Farm till this day and your Petitioner has Borrowed to the Amount of Pags. 6000 for Arrack &c[a]. to Carry on the Farm & thro' Tenavaroy was Invested with no other Authority than Irshippa Chittys Agent yet he has persum'd to take out of the Farm Money 3000 & odd Pagodas which Sum Irshippa is to make Good to your Petitioner as your Peti[r]. has nothing to do with Tanavaroy but is taking so Large a Sum makes it very difficult for your Petitioner to pay in his Rent Monthly especially as the Present Cowl is Pag[s]. 2000 & the last but Pag[s]. 800 besides People scruple the lending your Peti[r]. Money by reason of Tanavaroy having the name of being Concerned in the Farm Whereas on the Contrary if your Worship &c[a]. will be Pleased to direct Irshippa Chitty to take the Management of his Half Share of the Farm himself your Petitioner will not only be able to pay the Companys due but also to recover the Pag[s]. 3000 as aforesaid taken by Tenavaroy and also to satisfie all your Petitioners Creditors.

Your Petitioner and his Ancestors have been Renters of the Arrack Farm for many years & never fail'd making good their Payments. Your Petitioner refers all to your Worship &c[a]. Favourable consideration & the Direction in the Premises which will in Duty bind

Your Worship &c[as]. Petitioner
EVER TO PRAY

N[o]. 157.

TO THE HON[BLE] THO[S]. SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESID[T]. & GOVERN[R]. OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE
&C[A]. COUNCIL.

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

This Covers your Honours &c[a]. Invoice & Bill of Lading for one hundred Seventy two Bales of Cloth Laden on board the Sloop George which tho short of What I was in hopes of Sending yet I am perswaded you will believe me when I assure you it is all my utmost diligence could effect.

The quarrel betwixt the Nabob & Rajah still subsists both Parties are Plundering the Country for the Sustenance of their Troops which makes it unsafe to throw any money into the Weavers hands of the 10000 Pag[s]. sent by the Sea Horse though 2000 Was said to be advanced in July yet even that lies unemployed in the Merchants hands besides this the French Gomastahs wait at my Gates and buy up the Cloth I turn out (without regard to length breadth or Goodness) at a higher Price than I am allowed to Give I have daily hopes

affairs will take another turn when I shall lose no time in Prosecuting the Investment for January.

I am with the greatest Esteem
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most Oblig'd
humble Servant
John Andrews.

Banda Malanka
Septr. 12th. 1753.

No. 158.

Tellicherry the 5th. August 1753.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 13 Ultimo we were favoured with your Letter of the 10th. June wherein we observe with Pleasure the arrival of our Honble Masters ship Clinton &ca. Bound to China and hope the rest as ℘ List you enclos'd us have Long ere this reach'd your Port.

We have waited thus long in Expectation of Getting in some of the Old Crop of Pepper in order to have advis'd you with more certainty What Quantity we should be able to supply for the shipping this season & are sorry to acquaint your Honour &ca. tha[t] as none of the Old Crop is procurable We can only say in answer to your Letter that on a supposition from the Present Appearance of a Plentiful crop the Season may Produce sufficient to load home three ships which what they have in readiness at Anjengo including those that may be sent us from Bombay nor is it possible to ascertain at Present from What Part of the Country we may receive the Pepper more especially as the Country Powers seeem to be so contending with each other as we expect they will shortly involve the whole Country in a General War which in such case will be no small Impediment to our Investments of that Article.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
J. Dorrell.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Thos. Satchwill.

No. 159.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &ca. Council at Madras.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We Address'd your Honours &ca. on the 5th. Instant which was forwarded by two Pattamars who were impeded on the way by the Country People who Plunder'd them of their Letters and they return'd miserably fatigued yesterday. We therefore send this Express by other Pattamars to forward Duplicate thereof and as the Present Situation of Publick affairs affords no better Prospect of our Getting more Pepper than will be sufficient to load home the Tonnage we may receive from Bombay We have only to add that we remain

Tellicherry
28th. August 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
J. Dorrill.
Peter Elwin Wrench.
Thos. Satchwell.

N°. 160.

MEMORANDUM THE FOLLOWING PAPERS WERE RECEIV'D ℔ PRINCE GEORGE A DUPLICATE OF THE GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT MARLBRO ACCOMPANYING THEM DATED 25 JUNE 1753 WAS REC'D ℔ DELAWAR AND IS ENTER'D UNDER N°. 134 VIZ^{T}.

Mr. Mariotts Report of the state of Natal.
Indent for sundrys wanted at Marlbro.
List of Topasses who Claim the Country Money.
Captn. Burmans Letter concerning payg. ye. Deficiencies in ye. Prince George Cargo.
List of the Packet ℔ Prince George.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL ROBT. HINDLEY ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOR &CA. & COUNCIL OF FORT MARLBRO.

WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS

In a Compliance to your Worship &ca. Orders I now lay before you the Substance of What I have observ'd during my Residence at Nattall and shall leave it to your Consideration what Prospect there is of that Settlement being Advantagious or Contrariwise to my Honble Masters Intt. to maintain it.

A few days before my departure from Nattall Assembled most of the Head People at that Place and likewise had one of the leading men of the Rowe people Whom I inform'd your Worship &ca. in my last was in daily expectation was coming. I represented to them the Heavy Expence my Honble Masters was at in being settled amongst 'em the fruits of which the Place and tranquility they were then in & the Dread they are now Dd. from of being Plagu'd by the Dutch would I hop'd have Induced 'em, at last to set about Planting Pepper. I Represented also the many Advantagious which would Accrue to 'em in cultivating that Commodity. The Dattoo and his head People readily allowed the truth of my Representations but alledged that without the Governor &ca. Council would settle a sufficient force to maintain their Authority with their dependants who they acknowledged were very refractory & paid little obedience to their Commands and likewise Advance money to their dependants which they would be Answerable for they could not Possibly Insure us the Cultivacity that Commodity that the People Inhabiting the Qualloe it is unnecessary to acquaint your Worship &ca. are not the Natives of that Part but only a Collection of Villains & Vagabonds whom the laws of their Country have oblig'd to abscond from it & therefore the reasons they alledge as above are in my Opinion just as to the Inland People I have been but seldom able to see any of them it being the Interest of the heads at the Qualloe to keep 'em strangers to us & our Manners as they now make only a property of them however if the Settlement is to be maintain'd I believe that obstacle would soon be remov'd for as I paid them all the respect I could and made some small Presents to the most leading men of 'em who did come which they were not a little Pleas'd at as I could then Perceive and since have been more fully inform'd. I judge it would not be Possible to hinder 'em when they once found how different We are to our Neighbours particularly as people the Good reception they have met with has flown over Great Part of Country & I have been assured most of their Chiefs would come down soon in Order to cultivate a Friendship those who have already been with me very readily enter'd into the proposal of making Pepper Gardens & Assur'd me they only waited for those people who liv'd near us beginning and if we then sent proper Persons to Instruct them they would immediately set about it such are the state of these People from Which I must own. Notwithstanding all their Promises I'm very uncertain which they will promote the Proper Investment which our Honble Masters looks for on this Coast no not even by force for as to those who lives nearest us have not settled Habitations were any such Methods to be made

use of to'em they would immediately remove to some other Part of the Coast Ayer Bongee Tapanooly & therefore the only way must be for the Honourable to make Settlements both to the Northward & Southward of Nattal as it will not only hinder their Settling at those places but would also strengthen their Interest in those parts with regard to the Inland People. I can't Pretend to judge whither We have any great reason to Expect they will take to making Pepper Gardens any otherwise than by the Promises of those who have been with us their Present trade is Gathering Gold and Camphire which if they find the Cultivation of Pepper Plantations to be any hindrance or not equally profitable it appears to me they 'll never be brought to make an Exchange so much to their Loss.

Should our Honble Masters by this Store ship which is now soon expected approve of our settling at Nattall & order it to be maintain'd I refer it to your Worship &ca. Consideration whither a custom of 5 or 6 ℔ Cent ought not to be laid on the Trade there which as it is very Considerable would require to have a Good Garrison in order to make them Comply with such a Demand but as this is only a repetition of What I formerly Wrote I shall add nothing more than that should your Worship &ca. approve of it and put it in Execution tis my opinion would at least pay the Expences of the Settlement the Imports alone amounting as I am Credibly Informed to upwards of $ 300,000 besides the Gold and Camphire which are the Produce of the Place.

I am very respectfully
WORSHIPFUL SIR & SIRS
Your Most Obedient Humble Servant
RANDH. MARRIOTT.

FORT MARLBRO'
JUNE 16TH. 1753.

INDENT FOR SUNDRIES WANTED AT THE HONBLE COMPANYS SETTLEMENTS OF FORT MARLBRO &CA. THE 26TH. JUNE 1753 VIZT.

SOLDIERS CLOATHING.

Strip'd Ginghams Waistcoats & Breeches	—400—for hundr. Suits.
Stockings—	400 Do. ℔r.
Shoes—	400 Do. do.
Shirts—	400 Do.
LONG CLOTH WHITE—	45 forty five Corge.
GUNNY BAGGS—	6000 Six Thousand.

ROBERT HINDLEY.
JOSEPH GUNN.
DANIEL TOTTIE.

LIST OF TOPASSES WHO CLAIM THE BOUNTY MONEY.

NICHLS. D. PEENIO.
FRANCIS DERUISE.
JOHN MENDIS.
JOHN D'MELL.
PEDRO GLASS.
POWL D'MOUNT.
JOHN PORTONOVO.
ANTHOY. ROBELL.
FRANCISCO D'MOUNT.
AMBROSE QUALIO.
BASTIAN D'ROZARO *Junr*.
ANTHONY D'ROZAIRO.
DOMINGO D'ROZAIRO *Junr*.
ANTHONY D'ROZAIRO SEEYONG.
ANTHONY PAWL *15 Capn. Gabbetts Compy*.
D'MINGO P'RARRO.
FRANCISCO EMANUEL
JOHN D'MOUNT.
LEWIS MADRASS.
THOMAS D'MOUNT.
FORDINANDE D'ROZAIRO.
RIGINELL SOLDIER.
FRANCISCO D'MOUNT.
ALEXANDER SILVA.
EMANL. DERUISE.
DOMINGO D'ROZAIRO.
FRANCISCO MADRASS.
PASKALL D'MOUNT.
PEDRO MUSTASH.
LEWIS CONSICONG.
FRANCIS D'CRUISE *16 Captn. Morisets*.

Total ... 31

To the Worshipful Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of
Fort Marlbro'.

Worshipful Sir & Sirs

I have received your Order by the Secretary to pay for the Deficiencies of the Prince George's Cargo but must beg leave to have it referr'd to the Presidency as you ill perceive by the Bills of Lading that I have sign'd to the weight and measure unknown nor was I ever call'd on here to see it weigh'd.

I am
Worshipful Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble
Servant
Edwd. Burman.

Fort Marlbro'
June the 25th. 1753.

List of the Pacquet ℘ Prince George.

No. 1 Journall & Ledger B.B. Arrears endg. Ultimo April 1751.
2. Do. Do. F.F. Commencing ℘mo. May 1751 and ending Ulto. April 1752.
3 Moco Moco journal & Ledger Y Commencing Do. Endg. Do.
4 Croee Do. Do. Do. Do.
5 Paymr. Accts. Commencg. Pmo. Janry. 1751/2 & Endg. Ulmo. 1751.
6 Store Kr. Do. Do. Do.
7 Pepper Godown Keepr. Acct. Do. Do.
8 Military Paymr. Do. Do.
9 Cash Book Commencg ℘mo. Febry. 1751/2endg. June 25th. 1753.
10 Ware Keepers Book Commh ℘mo. Janry. 1751/2 & endg. Ulto. Aprl. 1752.
11 Sea Customers Do. Do. Febry. 1751/2 Do. ℘mo. Do. 1753.
12 Consultations commg. the 16th. Octr. 1752 & endg. June 21 1753.
13 Letters Sent Do. ye. 20 Decr. & endg. June 20th. 1753.
14 Do. receiv'd Do. the 24 Decr. 1752 & endg. June 19th. 1753.

Papers.

No. 1 General Letter dated the 25th. June 1753.
2 Copy Do. Do. 14th. April 1753.
3 Do. Do. Do. 16th. June 1753.
4 Do. Mjr. Marriots report of the state of Nattall Residency.
5 Duplicate Invoice of the Delawar for Fort St. George.
6 Capt. Burmans first receipt for $40000.
7 Indent for Stores Wanted at Fort Marlbro.
8 List of Topasses who Claim the Bounty Money.
9 Copy Captn. Burmans Dispatch.
10 Do. Captn. Winters Do.
11 Consultation on Dispatch.
12 List of the Pacquet.
13 Second Bill of Lading for Coir Cordage &ca. shipp'd on Board the Delawar.
14 Captn. Winters Second Receipt for $40000.
15 Muster Role.
16 Copy Captn. Burmans Letter Concerning Paying for the Deficiencies in the Prince George Cargoe.

Fort Marlbro
June 25 1753.

Richd. Wyatt
Secretary.

No. 161.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

It is a very sensible Concern to me that I should ever An Occasion to trouble you concerning my Private Affairs. But the Duty I owe to myself obliges me to Complain to yr. Honour &ca. Council of Peice of Injustice that I think I have lately suffer'd which is in the Appointment of Mr. Marriott to this Residency and the Recalling of me to Marlbrô on no other Foundation than his being my Senior by One. My being Preferr'd to this Place as Provisional Resident during Mr. Combes's Absences on his late Expedition was quite unexpected. The Success I have had during my Residence at Manna was I suppose the Motive that Induced you Governour & Council of Marlbrô to Pitch upon me as a Proper Person to put the Honble Companys Affairs at this Settlement on a better footing than they have been for some years past. My Conduct since I have been here will I hope Evince that I have assiduously employed my thoughts to that end And [. . .] Measures I had begun to Pursue I have [. . .] myself with the Pleasing hopes that [. . .] of my Endeavours would soon show [. . .] but that only Care and Industry [. . .] to render this Settlement a most [. . .] on when to my great surprize I receiv'd Advice of my being recalled.

I must beg leave to Premise to your Honour &ca. Council that though a Regard to standing is the Pretence made use of for sending Mr. Marriott here yet the promotion of Mr. Beach Sufficiently shows that it is merely one for the Gentlemen at Marlbrô refused him this Residency as not properly Qualified and have nevertheless sent him to Nattall which it must be allow'd as being newly Acquir'd and the Inhabitants much Divided amongst themselves most certainly acquires a Person of more Address in order to manage Affairs so as to conciliate the minds of the Natives to the Government of the Honble Company than a Place so well settled and of so long a Standing as Moco Moco is.

My request to be remanded again to this Residency I with all Submission refer to your Honour &ca. Councils Mature Consideration not doubting but that I shall meet with the most Impartial Justice but whether the Determination may be in my Favour or not I shall always preserve that Unalterable Respect and Duty which I owe to my Honble Masters as well as to your Honour &c. and Council.

I have only to request a favourable Construction of this Address and to subscribe myself with all Due Respect

Moco Moco

[. . .] 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most Humble. Servt.
Roger Carter.

Bussa. the 14th. July 1753.

No. 162.

To the Honble Richard Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This serves to Acknowledge the receipt of your Favour of the 12th. Febry. inclosing a Pacquet for the Honble Court of Directors which Immediately went forward by a Karavan that left this Place bound to Aleppo the 26th. Ultimo.

I am Most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble & most Obedt. Servant
Brabazon Ellis.

N°. 163.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your [. . .] &c[a]. Favour of the 18th. Ins[t]. and in Com[pliance] therewith have admitted M[r]. John [. . .] to the Seat you have appointed [. . .] Board in the room of Mr. Dawson [. . .]whom we acquainted must resign his Employ to him and to hold himself prepar'd for proceeding to your Place as soon as Possible which he has promised us to do. If we have been Guilty of any Error in not sooner shewing you our Obedience to the direction you have Given us for this purpose or indeed in any former Instance wherein you are Pleas'd to think we have merited your Resentment We must take leave to say as we are at all times desirous of Pleasing. It gives us the Greatest Concern to find ourselves so often liable to Mistake your meaning from the dark & Concise Method in which your Commands are often Express'd Could we but see this rectifyed We should have no doubt of Convincing you of our Implicit obedience but as in the Present Instance your Orders were not to be Understood (from an Omission in not acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Drakes Answer) We have only to relye that our Hon̄ble Masters Sentiments hereon when duely Consider'd by them Will be more favourable.

Agreable to your Orders for Sending up the rest of our Bales on Any Conveyance that offer'd We have now Laden on the Ship Brill one Hundred and ten (110) as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed amounting to Eleven Thousand and forty two Pagodas Thirty Fanams and sixty Cash (11042–30–60)

We are to request your Honour &c[a]. will Please to send us the Invoice of y[e]. Teak Timbers which Were landed here from the Delawar & are with Great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Richard Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
John Pybus.
Rob[t]. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

As I can be no Judge of the Just Purport of the first Para of this letter I sign only to the Contents of the two Last.

Fort S[t]. David
Sep[r]. 26, 1753.

N°. 164.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Inclosed comes the Sundry Acc[ts]. of this Settlement for the Months of July & August Which should not have thus long deferr'd Transmitting to your Hon[r]. & but for the Close Imployment I have lately had in the Expeditions to Tritchonopoly I am with Great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed[t]. & Humble Servt.
George Dawson.

Deve Cotah
Septr. 24th. 1753.

N°. 165.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our Letter to your Honour &c^{a}. under date the 25th. May Our Hoñble Masters Sloop the Seahorse and their Ship Montford have Imported here by which Conveyance we receiv'd your favours of the 20th. June & 15th. Instant.

We Are sorry to find the Gun Powder we transmitted your Honour &c^{a}. turn'd out so Indifferent but as we were Oblig'd to Purchase it of the Moors it was not in Our Power to Prevent being Impos'd on. They Insisted upon its being Paid for before it was deliver'd at Providing Good on Tryal What We shall Supply your Presidency with in Septemb^{r}. will we hope give your Honour &c^{a}. more satisfaction as it is made in Calcutta by Mr. Lawrence Witherington Captain Lieutenant of our Train.

By the Montford we have receiv'd the fifty Chests of Treasure y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c. forwarded on her Which turns out agreable to Invoice. We Are not a Little concern'd to observe your Honour &c in your Letter of the 20th. June revive a Standing Order of near 20 Years ago in relation to our Country Ships Importing at Places to the Southward and of Madrass & must beg leave to remark thereon That the Present time are so Unfavourable as to render our Complying with that regulation of our Hoñble Masters an Apparent Prejudice to our fortunes which we cannot Imagine could even be designed by them your Honour &c^{a}. must be sensible that the troubles on our Coast have Greatly Detrimented if not almost ruin'd the Markets there & more Expecially at Madrass & Fort S^{t}. David Where Goods belonging to this Place have remain'd this four or five years past Undisposed of to this day Whereby the owner are Sufferers by Loss of Interest 40 or 50 ℔ Cent on the Principle Cost of such Goods. You cannot therefore Wonder We think that the owners of such Ships as are bound to your Coast under such disadvantages should send them to Other Ports & by being able to sell their Goods immediately Save so considerable a Loss of Interest and by that means make their Voyages turn out more to their Advantage. Besides these reasons the Great delay Constantly Complained of by the Commanders of our Ships in unloading and loading their Vessels has been a Great reason for Permitting them to Call at other Ports were these Inconveniencies may be Avoided from what we have now said. We hope your Honour &c^{a}. Will be convinced of the Necessity the Gentlemen of Bengal have been Under to send their Ships to the Ports that Lay to the Southward of your Presidency but as that Pargh. in your Letter may make an Impression on our Hoñble Masters to our Disadvantage We shall be more Explicit to them in our reasons on this Head.

As Your &c^{a}. found it Absolutely Necessary to detain the Military design'd us on this Ship & purpose doing the same with the rest that are this year Coming out We have no objection thereto since it is for the Benefit of our Hoñble Masters but flatter ourselves whenever it is in your Power to spare us any men you will do it as we are very destitute of Military at this Settlement.

We shall in a few days dispatch a Sloop to the Negraise with the Stores Indented for by M^{r}. Hunter as near as we can Possibly Comply with it. But it will not be in our Power to furnish him with all the Artificers he has wrote for having been able as yet only to Prevail on some Bricklayers & Cooleys to Proceed thither & that too on very Extravigant terms. When our Country ships are all arriv'd We shall use our Endeavours to Engage some Carpenters and Caulkers likewise & sent them to your Coast or the Negrais As shall be

Esteem'd most Convenient. We therefore should be pleased to know when you Dispatch any Vessels thither.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
C. MANNINGHAM.
RICHD. BUHER.
W. FRANKLAND.
M. COLLET.
W. MACKETT.
EDWARD EYRE.
J. HOLWELL.

FORT WILLIAM
THE 30TH. JULY 1753.

No. 166.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favour'd with your Honour &ca. Letter of the 27th. Ulto. by the Syren Sloop with the Treasure and Stores agreable to Invoice and Dispatche'd her the 5th. Instant for Bengal.

The Winchelsea brought us your other favour of the 13th. Instant with the Copper and Madeira Wine You was Pleas'd to send on her.

Colonel Scott being Unwilling to detain the Ship longer than four or five days could not be so Exact in his remarks on the Situation of this Place as both he and we were desirous of but purposes to make us another Visit in January. The most material work he thought wanting was a Wall from Marlires Point to Tornery's Battery in the room of the Present Palisadoes which are daily decaying. This he has Lain'd out and recommended to us to set about Immediately as also to repair Simpsons Battery which was much damaged in the storm and to make a small ditch and a draw Bridge before the Mettah Gate.

We shall duely Comply with the Directions relating to the Ordnance and Military Stores as also to Transmit with our other Papers the Abstract of each months Expence compar'd with the Proceeding.

The Master of the Sloop Seahorse requesting we would supply him with the several Articles as ℘ List inclos'd amounting to Rupees 55–4–6 our Storekeeper delivered the same and we transmitted to Bengal an Account thereof with the Captains receipt and Desired the Gentlemen there to Give your Honour &ca. Credit for the same. Mr. Pigot has wrote to the Nabob to desire his Permission to Coin the Copper and in our next we hope to acquaint you of our receiving the same.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble. Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
SAML. BANKS.
J. L SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
31ST. AUGUST 1753.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND VIZ^{T}. EMBAL'D.

Long Cloth fine 8 Ba^{s}. ordinary 24	32 Bales·	
White in the Godawn.		
Long Cloth Ord^{y}. 10	10	5
At the Wash Long Cloth Ord^{y}.	13	6
Fine	2	..
Fine	3	12
Izzarees	17	12
Brown Long Cloth Ord^{y}.	2	14
Salempores	2	13

N°. 167.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^{R}.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Accompanying is a Packet we yesterday received from Bengal.

It is with Concern we are to Acquaint you that our Nabob has refused us the Liberty of coining the [copper] you was Pleased to send us. Inclosed is a Copy of his Leter in which you'l please to Observe he says the french and Sullaughbutzung are at Present very Powerful and that it will be Imprudent in him to Give us such Liberty. We must remark to you that he made much such an Answer as this to M^{r}. Pigot sometime ago when he applied to him for Permission to send a Servant to reside at Uppara and really believe his refusal Proceeds chiefly from the fear he is under of the French getting him Call'd to Account for any Little favours he might shew us. We ourselves are under no apprehensions of being Troubled were we to Coin without further Application but shall Wait your Honours &c^{a}. Directions herein.

Inclosed is a Copy of our Last with the Monthly Papers and Abstracts of the Acc^{tc}. compared Monthly Since April.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
SAM^{L}. BANKS.
J. L. SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
11TH. SEPTEMBER 1753.

FROM NABOB MAHAMED MOHEIN CAWN AT HIS CAMP
NEAR LACCAMCOTA RECEIVED 1ST. SEPTEMBER 1753.

DEAR SIR

I have received Your Letter I Observe what you desire in regard of Coining Dubs to which I must let you know that it does not Lay in my Power to Give such Leave as such a thing was [never] done at Vizagapatam besides you are sensible that the French are always Professed Enemy to your Nation who are now very great with the Nezam (Shullaughbutzung) lately the Dutch at Cankinarra Solicited the Same and I have Gain'd their Ill Will on my Refusal Which Infringement was more owing to the Intrigues of the French. However this be if you have Already sent for Copper I would Advise you to send it to Chickacull and Get it Coin'd there if not write to Madrass for Dubs.

I shall be Glad to receive a few lines from you now and then being

DEAR SIR &C^{A}.

N°. 168.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Governor of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclos'd is Duplicate of our Letter under date the 30th. July since which we have the Pleasure to Advise your Honour &ca. of the Arrival of the Portfield Captn. Carteret Legeyt with the fifty Chests of Treasure mentioned in her Invoice which has been Landed and turns outright.

Your Honour &ca. have not yet been Pleas'd to Give us any Intimation of what you Purpose to do in the Disposition of our Honble Masters Coast and Bay ships Your Sentiments whereon we should be Glad to know and as we shall in all Probability be Oblig'd to obtain two Ships this Season in the Country We take this Opportunity of making ye. offer to your Honr. &ca. of freighting one or both of them Conditionally upon ye. terms you Acquainted the Honble Company you could Procure for the Hardwitch and Scarborough & which you advised us of under date the 17th. Septr. 1751 as it will not be in our Power we are afraid to get anything near that Sum should they be let to freight at this Place for Which reason if your Honour &ca. should not be able to Get so much at Present as might then be Procur'd it would nevertheless be doing our Honble Masters a Peice of Service to Let them out on any terms wherby the Demorage of such Ships may be sav'd. We have by this conveyance transmitted your Honr. &ca. a Box Packet for our Honble Masters which we request you will forward to England by the first Ship that leaves your Presidency.

Mr. Saunders having Inform'd our President that you shall be in want of a Ship from hence in Janry to fill up at your Coast we Purpose sending the Durington Capt. Richard Drake half Laden to your Honour &ca. to be Dispatch'd and are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort William

Your most Obedt. Humble Servants

the 3rd. September 1753.

Roger Drake *Junr.*
E. H. Cruttenden.
C. Manningham.
Richd. Buher.
W. Frankland.
M. Collett.
Wm. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.
J. Holwell.

P.S. We have Granted a sett of Bills of Exchange for £. Stg. 1542–19–11 or Rs. 13715–8 on Acct. a Chest of Coral imported ⅌ Durrington & sold at your Place by Soloman Franco Mark'd M | DC / EP N°. 1 Payable to the said Soloman Franco. The duty of which has not been accounted for at this Place of which we advise your Honour &ca. that you may levy it in case it has not been already Paid at the Presidency.

N°. 169.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by the Don Carlos Snow on which I have laden on Account & Risque of the Honble Company 100 Bales of Callicoes amounting to Pag. 87010–18–8 as ⅌ Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclos'd. The Quantity is

something Less than usually went from this Place at this Season. The reasons for which your Honour &ca. have been acquainted with in a former Lre Though I hope the quality will in some measure compensate for the Deficiency.

Enclosed comes Journal Parcell and Cash Account with the Monthly Abstract and I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
20th. Septr. 1753.

No. 170.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Acknowledges the receipt of your favour of the 26th. Ultimo and serves to Accompany our Consultations and Monthly Accounts for August.

We shall thankfully receive the Supply of Cash you have been Pleas'd to send us on our Honble Masters Sloop Dragon & What ever you Intend us farther as we have reason daily to Expect Large Bills to be tender'd us from Major Lawrence.

We are sorry our Advancing Irshappa Chitty Ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas at one time has not met with your Honours &ca. Approbation what Induced us thereto was the Small Ballance he owed the Company and the Assurances he Gave us of Bringing in Cloth as fast as we could Supply him with money. He has Already furnished very near the Half of that Sum and we have no doubt but he will shortly Bring us in to the whole Amount. He is the only one of all our Merchants that we Can have any dependance upon & therefore we hop'd by encouraging him We should be in Some Measure able to carry on our Investment which without him would make a Very Poor figure. Your Honour &ca. are Pleas'd to mention that the whole Set of Merchants should have a Proportionate Share of money this we shall Immediately comply with if you're Pleased to repeat the Order. What has withheld us from making them any Advance is on account of their outstanding Ballances which we are Indeavouring all we can to Reduce & which so soon as Effected Purpose to let them have more money however shall wait your Directions on this head.

We have acquainted Cootah With what you have wrote in regard to his Petition.

The Dispute between Cawn Modeliar & Toneveroy Pilla shall give your Honour &ca. no farther Trouble from us, having respectively acquainted Each Party with what you have wrote us on that Account. We shall leave it to them to settle as well as they can. We beg leave to assure you that no Care shall be wanting in us to oblige the former to reduce his Ballance as soon as Possible.

We have Inform'd Captain Gardiner of what your Honour &ca. says in regard to the Bombay Detachment his Answer to us on the head being the best Explanation We can give of it comes Enclosed.

The Box of Stationary for the Commissary shall be forwarded by the first Good Opportunity that Offers.

We have wrote by our Secretary to Captain Schaub for the Piolls of this detachment since he has been at Pondicherry & have Likewise sent him a form for him to draw them by So soon as they come to hand We shall forward them to you.

Mr. Peter St. Paul having Paid into our Cash the Sum of three Hundred and fifty one Pagodas We have Granted him One Sett Bills on your Honour &ca. as follows.

One set Bills of Exchange for three Hundred and fifty one Pagodas for so much receiv'd here of Mr. Peter St. Paul.	Pags. 351

made Payable at five days sight to the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr. or Order which Concludes us with Great Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
THOS. COOKE.
JOHN PYBUS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
OCTOBER THE 4TH. 1753.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At the Beaters	10
At the Washers	58
At the Dyers	8½
Bas. ...	86½

TO THE WORSHIPFULL RICH. STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN

I am very sorry to Give you so much trouble on Acct. of the Bombay Detachmt. Arrs. of Cloth. I Understand the Gentlemen at Madrass are not acquainted with the Affair Mr. Saunders Gave Captn. Maskelyne Orders to Pay 1 Serjt. 1 Corpl. and 1 Topass of the Bombay Detachment their Arrears Which Mr. Boddam Paid. He could have Inform'd the board what was their demand they are all upon the same footing.

I am likewise Inform'd that the Governour desires to know who Gave the Orders about Cloathing them. It was done by the Majors Orders and Approbation these men had not been Cloathed for about 3 or 4 Years were just going to take the field some without coat or Waistcoat to their Backs. I Leave you to judge Gentlemen if there was not an Absolute Necessity to Cloath these People just going to take the Field in the height of the Monsoons really I never thought to have been put to so much trouble about this Affair.

The Men are Every Day at my Quarters or following of me when I go out the fort to ask for their Arrears which if the Gentlemen would Please to consider is not very Agreable. I have Actually been oblig'd to give them money in part they was so troublesome. I wrote to Bombay for Payment the Commanding Officer told me they had been struck off their Rolls ever since Captain Andrews Left the Coast Since Last Febry. they have been Paid as our

People before they did not receive near the Pay our Men receiv'd by reason of their being Victual'd but since that time they have been Struck off the Steward's Books.

I am Gentlemen
with respect
Your most Obed[t]. Servt.
GEORGE GARDNER.

OCTOBER 1ST. 1753.

N°. 171.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on you by the Alice Sloop with 65 Bales of Calicoes on Acc[t]. our Hoñble Masters as ℘ Invoice and bill of Lading herewith. We are much concerned at the Smallness of this number but assure you it has not been in our power to procure a single Bale more neither do we think there is a Prospect of making any considerable Investment against January for Cotton is exceeding dear at present. One obstacle is indeed removed that we have Hitherto had which was a difference between the Nabob and Rajah of these parts but the latter has bought a peace for 5 Lack and a half of Rupees. He has desired we would supply him with 10000 Pagodas to enable him to pay this sum but Mr. Pigot made an excuse which we hope you will approve.

Your Honour &c[a]. will likewise receive by this Conveyance a Corge of Chints Moorees. We think the cloth something better than the muster and hope the painters will be more expert as their practice increases the Cost of this Corge is 55 Pagodas and we hope to be able to furnish about 20 Corge a year if this we now send should meet your Approbation.

Inclosed are List of our Ordnance and warlike Stores drawn Conformable to the Orders from England as also the return of this Garrison.

There comes on this Vessel one Joseph Tompson who having Served his Contracted time requested his discharge.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. Hum[ble]. Servts.
GEORGE PIGOT.
SAM[L]. BANKS.
J. L. SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
1ST. OCTOBER 1753.

N°. 172.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your favour Accompanying a Supply of 25000 Pagodas by our Hoñble Masters Sloop Dragon having sent you up all the Bales. We had ready on the Ship Brill We now return her to you & are to acquaint your Honour &c[a]. that what Cloth is now at the wash cannot be prepared in time for the Delawar We have only to add for the present that we are with respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed[t]. Humble Servants
RICH[D]. STARKE &C[A]. COUNCIL.

FORT S[T]. DAVID
OCTOBER Y[E]. 6TH. 1753.

N°. 173.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote your honour &ca. under date the 3rd. Instant as ℔ Duplicate enclosed. Since which have imported here the Winchelsea Falmouth & Egmont by which Ships We were favoured with your Honours &ca. Letters of the 13th. 20th. & 27th. August.

The Shirley is likewise arrived & has delivered the red wood your Honour &ca. Consign'd us.

The treasure you sent us on the above Ships has all been landed and turns out agreable to Invoice. We must here remark to your Honour &ca. that the Supplys you have transmitted us this year are greatly Short of what we expected & what our Honble Masters gave us room to hope for. The whole amount of what we have receiv'd (& are to receive on the Elizabeth) being only 180 Chests wheras the Orders for our Investments are above thirty Lack of Rupees besides the Current expences of our several Factorys & this Settlement itself so that your Honour &ca. will perceive the money you have hitherto forwarded to us is not half sufficient to make the provision our Honble Masters have directed & as the Interest of money is so very high at this Place we shall be sorry to be necessitated to take up any Large sums Which must be the case unless your Honour &ca. think proper to transmit us a further Supply which we flatter ourselves you will endeavour your utmost to do when you consider of what Importance it will be to our Honble Masters Affairs at this Place.

The President & Council of Bombay mention their having sent your Honour &ca. a Bill of Exchange on Arcott for about Rupees 100000 & desired you to transmit us the amount when you receive it which we hope will be complied with by your Honour &ca.

By your Honours &ca. Letter of the 24 Ultimo We observe your Intention of sending here the Dragon and Colchester or Delawar besides those Consigned Us from Europe this Season. This will increase our tonnage so considerably that unless your Honr. &ca. can be assisting to the letting out at freight at your Presidency some of the ships We shall be at a Loss in what manner to Employ such as we shall inevitably be obliged to Detain in the Country.

By this Conveyance We send your Honour &ca. another Box packet for our Honble Masters which being the Duplicate of the former We request you forward them on Separate Ships to Europe and are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Roger Drake *Junr*.
&ca. Council.

Fort William
the 13th. September 1753.

N°. 174.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since Writing you under date the 13th. Instant our Honble Masters Ship the Elizabeth has safely imported here & by her we receiv'd your Honour &ca. Letter under date the 31st. August 1753 with the several papers enclosed.

This serves likewise to enclose you Invoice and bill of Lading for 15 Bales of Judgea Baftaes for Chinting which we have laden on board the Ship Speedwell Capt. John Coatsworth Commander on Account of our Honble Masters.

We now enclose your Honours &ca. Letter for our Honble Masters which we are to desire you will forward by the first Conveyance.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servants

Fort William
the 17 Septr. 1753.

Roger Drake *Junr*.
M. Cruttenden.
C. Manningham.
Richd. Buher.
W. Frankland.
M. Collet.
Wm. Mackett.
Edward Eyre.
J. L. Holwell.

No. 175.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

On the 18th. Instant came to hand your favour of the 28th. June with the Packetts from our Honble Masters and the Chief and Factors at Anjengo and enclosed we now send you Duplicate of our Last with Second Bills of Exchange for one hundred and three thousand One hundred and twenty five (103,125) Rupees drawn by Nemidass Suckmidass on Ajadut Nemidass at the rate of ninety Six and an half (96½) Bombay Rupees for one hundred (100) Arcot.

It is with pleasure we acquaint you of the Arrival of our honble Masters Ships Tavitstock, Sandwich, Stafford and Salisbury the first of which Imported the 5th. Instant the Second the 15th. the Stafford the 17th. and the Salisbury last from Gombroon the 20th.

Inclosed is Copy of the 10th. Pargh. of our Honble Masters Commands ℔ Tavistock relating to your presidency but as it is Uncertain what Tonnage can be procured for the ships on hand until we receive advices from the Coast we must be silent on this head at present.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants

Richd. Bourchier &ca. Council.

Bombay Castle
20th. August 1753.

P.S.—The Court of Directors having Ordered us to send the Swallow Burthen 180 Tons to your sale in order to be employed to the west Coast. She is not yet arrived nor can she proceed to your Side untill the month of March next please to acquaint us in the Interim if you judge she's a Vessell proper for the above employ.

Copy of the 10th. Paragraph of the Honble Companys Commands ℔ Tavistock dated 14 March 1753.

10. It is our Intentions that the Ships Tavistock & Salisbury and Prince Edward be dispatched home the Season they arrive and therefore you must exert yourselves in providing Cargoes for them in time to prevent as much as possible the Heavy Goods expence of Demorage but if from want of Goods or any Unforseen Accidents it shall happen that you cannot send them all home you may then detain one of them which we recommend to be the Salisbury until the next Season taking care to Employ her on freight or in such a manner as may at least fully reimburse what we shall be obliged to pay the Owners for her detention and takeing particular care if she is employed on any Country Voyage that she has an early Dispatch for Europe but if she can be loaded for England by servants at Bengal or at Fort S^t^. George without causing the Detention of any ship it will answer our Purpose best to have her dispatch'd from thence early the next season although you should have a loading of pepper left upon hand.

(A true copy.)

N°. 176.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President & Governour &c^a^. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your Honours &c^a^. Favour of the 2nd. Instant the Occasion of this is Chiefly to acquaint you that since receiving your last supply of Cash ℘ Sloop Dragon We thought it incumbent on us to summon all our Merchants to appear in Consultation on the Business of our investment & as the Season is so far advanced that we might judge on whom We could relye to make advances for the bringing in a Quantity of Cloth by January in discoursing accordingly with them. We found the replys of Cawn Modeliar Govind Chitty & Tonnevaroy Pilla were quite Evasive and such as Gave us no room to depend on their Performance in such manner as to Lessen their Ballances which from your repeated Directions We are Convinced is the point insisted on The Salem Merchants we thought likewise could have no particular to receive any further advances till the Cloth they have so long ago mentioned to have in readiness be brought in and the Communication from Salem, be less Hazerdous Under these Circumstances We found that the whole Bulk of our Investment would unavoidably fall on one Person that is Irshippa Chitty who has already been but too long our only dependance. We therefore thought it would be highly contributing to the increasing our investment (which is so well satisfied is of material consequence for your January Dispatch) to Introduce another Person into that Business and being Acquainted by the Deputy Governour that the Agents of Linga Chitty have long since been interceding for it. As he is esteemed a responsible man his proposals have been accepted of & they advanced Five Thousand (5000) Pagodas for the Execution of them. The Sortments they have engaged for Are the Warrearpollam and Chinamanaickpollam as Also the 10 Call Salempores of which they have promised to provide the quantity of Three [hundred] (300) Bales by the End of Jan^ry^, provided they are duely and speedily supplied with money for that purpose. We are Likewise made a further Advance of five thousand (5000) Pagodas to Irshippa Chitty he having already brought in a good part of the ten Thousand given him before. We hope these proceeding will meet with you Approbation and Convince you of our Good Endeavours to promote a Work so Consequential to our Honble Masters Interest the limitation you have laid upon us never to advance more than five Thousand (5000) Pagodas at a time is in our Opinion very confined at such a late season of the year for as we have never

been before in a Capacity of doing anything in it for want of Supplys as there is now but two or three months left. We are Well assured it will admit of but few Repetitions Which must consequently occasion our Performances to fall greatly Short of what they might be were such restrictions removed and We doubt not but the Ballances too might be brought within Compass at the Close of our Investment in December Which we are well satisfied was ever before the only time that any strict regard was had to them but as our Duty is to obey your Commands we can only refer the Ill consequences of this lye to your Serious consideration when we have so often repeated to you that notwithstanding the troubles in the courtesy are -so great some performances might be expected if we were liberally supplied with money for that purpose and though you have sent us large Sums you are not Ignorant that the Great Calls of the army drain'd it from us in an Instant. We could therefore be Glad If in future when you send us any supplys that you would mention what part of it you intend to have appropriated to the Investment. You are pleased to think our Advancing Irshippa Chitty at one time ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas was too large a sum but if you would consider that his Ballance out standing was very Trifling and that we had it not in our power to make him any Advances before for many months We conceive these Circumstances must naturally give your Honour &c^a^. more favourable sentiments thereon as with that advance he was scarcely upon an Equivalent with the other merchants.

On the 8th. Instant Imported in this road the Royal Galley a Ship directly from Portugal bound for Bengal & Surat. The Supra Cargo Came on shore to enquire of the Deputy Governour if he could Coin his Treasure at this place which as he could not do they have proceeded to Pondicherry.

In our Address to you of the 4th. We promised to send the Rolls of Capt. Shaubs Company which had been wrote for by our Secretary that for October being now come to hand We transmit the same to your Honour &c^a^. likewise a copy of Captain Schaubs Letter setting forth the reasons he did not send the Roll before We have called upon him again for those of the time past.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort S^t^. David

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Octob^r^. the 11th. 1753.

Rich^d^. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
John Pybus.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

P.S.—The inclosed Letter from M^r^. John Pybus being just come to hand is now enclos'd to your Honour &c^a^.

Monsieur

Jay C'honneur de vou's Envoyer suivant les desires de Monsr. Le Gourverneur Starke &c. le retour de mon Detachment du mois d'Octobre et Je vou's Enverroit parreittement Monsr., ceux des mois Suivans.

Vous, me demande's la raison pour la quelle Je ri'cut pas Envoyer des retours pour le passé c'est Monsr. parce qui Iignoroit par faitlement L, usage depuis mon Arrivee dan L'Inde Jay reste' si peu pour Mon Malheur Parmy les anglois que jay toujours Ignore' Cette circonstance ainse, cet assurement par Ignorance que jay Manque'; Je Vous Seriot obligê De me Dirêce qui vous jugeroit he Mettre pas Connue pour pouvoir me Conformê aux autres capitaines en suivant les orders et les regles etablir par L'honourable Compagnie.

Jessuice avec une tres par faitte Consideration.

Monsieur
Votre tres humble. et tres Obt.
Se.
Schaub.

A Pondicherry
le 9' d' Octobre 1753.

A Monsieur d'e St. Paul
Secretaire all Fort St. David.

A Return of Captain Schaubs & Gaupps Compny.
October 2nd. 1753.

		Fit for duty.
Sentinels	...	1
Fifers	...	2
Drummers	...	1
Corporals	...	4
Serjiants	...	4
Ensigns	...	3
Lieutenants	...	1
Captains	...	33
Total	...	49

No. 177.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am this Instant acquainted with your General Letter of the 8th. with the honour you have been pleased to confer on me by Appointing me in the West Coast Commission jointly with Mr. John Walsh which I embrace with the Utmost chearfulness, and to prevent the least delay that might be Occasion'd at so precarious a time of year by the Prince Georges calling for me here I purpose Setting out by Boat this Evening for your place which however Inconvenience after my late Removal will I am in hopes be amply compensated for by the Service I may render my Honble Employers As Mr. Drake has not yet been able to compleat the Accounts either relating to his Civil or Military Paymaster Employ so as to settle them with me. I shall leave him to adjust them with my Successor on his Arrival till when he has undertaken to have regard to the Business of those Employs.

I am with much respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient and most humble. Servant
John Pybus.

Fort St. David
11th. Octr. 1753

No. 178.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to forward Duplicate of what wrote you by the Don Carlos Snow as also Invoice and 2nd. Bill of Lading for One hundred 100 Bales of Callicoes Laden on board that Vessel on Account and risque of the Honble Company. She left this road the 26th. Which being all the materials at Present I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcoat

Ingeram
28th. Sepr. 1753.

No. 179.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have ben duely favoured with your Letter of the 11th. by Mr. Hugh Norris who Arrived here on our Honble Masters Sloop Dragon the 14th. and took his seat at our board yesterday as third of Council Civil and Military Paymaster agreable to your Appointment the Sloop proceeded directly with Mr. Hopkins for Deve Cotah who no doubt will Dispatch her back here as soon as possible. We are sorry it is now in our power to Comply with your Honour &ca. Order in returning her to you with a loading of Bales and what we have at the Wash will not be prepared in time for the De La War.

Enclosed comes a Copy of an Indent Sent us fom Camp by order of Major Lawrence Likewise a transcript of the Quarter Master of Artillerys Letter to Military Store keeper on that head they wait on your Honour &ca. for your Inspection as also a List of Stores. We cannot possibly provide here which we request (if at your Presidency you will please to send us by the first conveyance, Mr. Call assures us that three hundred (300) Plank of Different sizes will be necessary for the Platforms & Major Lawrence having expressed a great want of [arms] for Seapoys is the reason of our Inserting them in an Indent the Sending of those Stores to Dave Cotah obliges us to detain the Dragon here on that service which we hope your Honour &ca. will not disaprove as we have not wherewithal to Load her up to you.

The Deputy Governour acquainted our Board Yesterdy that Major Lawrence desires him to send money for the payment of the Army to Tanjour for Trichinopoly the not furnishing it we Apprehend may be of bad Consequences however we cannot take upon us to supply him in that manner without your Honours &ca. permission. We beg therefore to be favoured with your Orders in regard hereto. This leads us to request the Supply of Cash (you have promised us) as soon as possible Our Ballance being Small & Bills to a Considerable Amount daily expected to be presented us for Payment.

That Paragraph in your last favour relating to the payment of the Seapoys has been particularly recommended to Mr. Norris's observance who assures your Honour &ca. of an Exact conformity thereto.

Mr. Cooke having applied to us in Consultation for some money to answer his expences in setting out on the expedition you have commanded him as we have not received any Directions from your Honour &ca. in regard to him have

recommended him for the Present to draw upon you & should his stay there be of any long continuance so as to have occasion for a further supply We beg leave to know if we may grant it him upon his applying to us.

We have received a petition with the papers anexed to it from Captain Clement Poverio which he requesting us to forward to you We now enclose the same for your Consideration & are with perfect Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble. Servants

RICH. STARKE.
THOMAS COOKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
OCTOBER 16TH. 1753.

INDENT of Military Stores Immediately Wanting to Compleat the Indent Recd. from Camp Vizt.

Planks for Platforms 300 from 2½ to 5 Inch.
Wax Cloth—50 Peices.
Candles—5 Maund.
Arms for Seapoys—500.
Ditto for the Military—200.
Scales & Weights Small—2 Sets.
Stilliards &ca. Compleat—2 Do.

FORT ST. DAVID
16TH. OCTOBER 1753.

PETER ST. PAUL
Mily. S.Kr..

TRICHINOPOLY OCTOBT. 5TH. 1753.

SIR

By Major Lawrences Order I herewith send you an Indent for Guns Ammunition &ca. for a Battery and Field Train which are to be got ready with all Expedition and sent to Dave Cotah the Ammunition and stores to be directed to the Quarter Master of Artillery and there to remain till sent for on further Orders but in case that Garrison should be necessitated to use any of them the Commanding Officer thereto have them Immediately replaced that we may not be at a Loss when we Call for them as the want of any of them may be of great Hindrance or a disappointment to some material part in executing what may be Intended. Captain D'Illens desire the Officer of Artillery with you may be acquainted when these things are getting ready that he may Inspect into them and see they are proper and fit for Service and I much desire particular regard to be had to the Packing up of the Musket Ammunition.

If St. David don't furnish the above mentioned Indent it will be necessary to Apply to Madrass as its not being complied with in every respect will render some part Useless and we find it highly necessary to Endeavour to render ye. Artillery as usefull as the nature of it will admit.

I am
SIR
Your most obedient Humble. Servant

ROBERT REVELL,
Qr. Mr. Artillery.

TO MR. PETER ST. PAUL
Mily. S.Kr.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour at Fort S^t. George.

Honourable Sir

I flatter myself your Honours goodness which has always been the Concomitant of your greatness will pardon the freedom I take to advise your Honour my weak as well as painfull condition proceeding from the late loss of my leg has prevented the Honour I designed of throwing myself at your Honours feet and which I cannot have the happiness to effect without undergoing an inexpressible pain by travelling this Monson Season. Therefore I have taken the liberty to enclose Major Lawrence's letter for the Honourable Board to your Honour respecting my fidelity and Service to the Honble Company at Trichenaply and the Loss of my leg in vigorously encountring the Enemy at the Battle of Syringham reposing my ful confidence in your Honour's Generous humanity to have such a regard to the Accompanying recommendation and benevolence towards the unfortunate faithfull Soldier as not to oblige him to suffer the Dire miserys of want and lameness but by your Honour Supream Power to direct him a Decent Subsistance which Compassion shall be retain'd in most gratefull memory by him who begs permission with the greatest Respect to subscribe

Honble Sir
Your most obedient and most
Humble Servant
C. Poverio.

Fort S^t. David
11th. Octob^r. 1753.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

These are to Certifye that the bearer here of Captain Clement Poverio who has a Commission from the Honble President for commanding a Company of Topasses lost his leg in an action near Syringham on the 11th. of May 1752 wherein he behaved as a Gallant Soldier and brave Officer and as his faithfull services on many Occasions (particularly when he refused Considerable bribe that was offered by y^e. King of Mysore for betraying the Fort of Tritchenapolly) render him highly worthy of your Notice I thought it my Duty to recommend him to you in hopes that his merit will be rewarded I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most hum^ble. & obedient Servt.
Stringer Lawrence.

Camp near Tritchnapolly.
August 20th. 1753.

Attested to be a true Copy of the original.

Fort S^t. David
Octr. the 11th. 1753.
Peter S^t. Paul
Secy.

No. 180.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Only serves to enclose you the Abstract of the several Casualties (such as Deaths Desertions &ca.) which have happend in Captain Schaubs Detachment since they have been at Pondicherry & which is just now come to hand.

We are with Great Respect

Fort St. David
18th. October 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Etat des I'Lomme's Morts Deserte's Embanches du Detacement Suisse a Pondichery de pries le 10th Aoust 1752 veeux style.

L'Annee.	Les mois.	Les holmes moits.	Les homes desertes.	Les homes debauche's.
1752 ..	Aoust ..	,,	,,	,,
	7bre. ..	,,	,,	2
	8bre. ..	1	,,	,,
	9ble. ..	2	,,	,,
	Xbre. ..	1	,,	,,
1753 ..	Janvier ..	,,	,,	,,
	Fevrier ..	,,	,,	,,
	Mars ..	,,	,,	,,
	Aviell ..	,,	,,	,,
	May ..	,,	1	1
	Juin ..	1	,,	,,
	Jullet ..	2	1	,,
	Aoust ..	2	,,	,,
	7bre. ..	,,	,,	30
	Total ..	9	2	33

A Pondicherry he 16th.
8bre. 1753.

J.H. Schaub.

No. 181.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. & Council of Fort
St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

I just send this to advise you that I had wrote you by all the Conveyances from this place three Snows have lost their passage to Madrass and put back here; I had sent all my accounts on them which are all returned and as nothing has arived her as yet from the Coast and Mr. Taylor going to the Negrais has laid me under a necessity of drawing on you for four thousand Seven hundred & fifty Tecalls (4750) Tecalls at the accustomary Exchange of Forty

Pagodas ₱ Viss of Silver (or hundred Tecalls) which make Pagodas one Thousand nine hundred (Pags. (1900) Payable at ten days sight which please to pay when due and place it to my Account.

I am in daily in expectation of a Vessell from the Negrais so shall Transmit you my Accts. on her I remain with Respect

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servant
ROBT. WESTGARTH

No. 182.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 4th. April I have received ye. 10 Ultimo Advising me of David Hunters Esqr. being at the Negrais and your putting me under his Orders which I shall duely observe and likewise transmit him my Accounts and apply to him for what I may want I have advised him of my negotiations with the King of Pegue which are now brought to a happy Issue and only want Mr. Hunter to Sign and seal I presume he will acquaint you with our whole proceedings which I hope will Give you entire Satisfaction.

I am with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
ROBT. WESTGARTH.

SYREIAN
AUGUST 2ND. 1753.

No. 183.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Porto Bello Sloop having had a long Passage from the Negrais Called here this morning for a few Casks of Water and Provisions which we immediately put on board and recommended to the Master of her to lose no time in getting to you his receipt for what we have applied him with is enclosed & We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble. Servants
GEORGE PIGOT.
SAML. BANKS.
J. L. SMITH.

VIZAGAPATAM
15TH. OCTOBER 1753.

No. 184.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVR. & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We now enclose you the Nabobs and Quick Stock Accounts the Particulars of the former to the 30th. of April shall likewise be transmitted shortly by us who are with perfect Respect.

Fort St. David
October Ye. 19th. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Humble Servts.
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

No. 185.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to the Account of Sortments received from your Secretary under date of the 19th. past I have closed the last years books and now send one sett their Duplicates shall come by the next Peons herewith come also the Accounts of this Place for last month I am with the Greatest Esteem

Bandar Malanka
October the 7th. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble
Servant
John Andrews.

No. 186.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Lieutenant Revell being sent in from Camp by Major Lawrence in order to see the Stores compleated of which we transmitted you a Copy of the Indent also to get some others in readiness to accompany them. We are oblig'd to Address your Honour &ca. to Enclose a List of some Which we cannot Provide here & they being immediately wanted. We request you will please to send with what we have already wrote to you for under date the 16th. Inst. We herewith send your Honour &ca. some Letters which were taken from a French Soldier on the road from Camp to Deve Cotah and are just come to hand having no further to add we conclude with Great Respect.

Fort St. David
22nd. October 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Thomas Cooke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Indent of Military Stores immediately wanting for the use of the Camp pt.

Hand Mantlettd.—49.

10' Inch Fuzes fil'd.—200.

Peter St. Paul.
Mily. S.Kr.

No. 187.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having in obedience to your Orders of the 11th. Instant Embarked on board the Sloop Dragon in the Evening of the same day We proceded to Fort St. David and setting Mr. Norris on shore there on the 14th. in the Morning made the best of my way hither and landed the next day when Mr. Dawson delivered up to me the Charge of the Settlement.

The short space of time Since my arrival not permitting me to put in execution any other Article of your Commands (except that I have laden six hundred and fifty Piles on board the Dragon) I hope I shall stand excused to your Honour &ca. that I do not take up more of your time to present than by adding my thankful Acknowledgements for the Confidence you repose in me by appointing me to the Chief Ship of this Settlement which I will Endeavour to merit to the utmost of my abilities in a punctual observance of all such orders and instructions as you may from time to time think proper to recommend to the notice & Duty of

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Charles Hopkins.

Deve Cotah
Octr. 17th. 1753.

No. 188.

To the Honourable Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am honoured with your Letter of the 11th. Instant by Mr. Charles Hopkins & have agreable to your Honours &ca. Orders committed to him the charge of this Settlement with the Different setts of Bonds which have been kept here.

I shall at the End of this Month give him a Correct Acct. of all such Stores &ca. as remain in this Garrison so soon as that is compleated will take the first opportunity of paying your Honour &ca. my respects at Fort St. George.

Inclosed are the Several Accounts & Papers of this Settlement for last month.

I have only now to give you my Gratefull Acknowledgements for the Confidence so long reposed in me & Assurance of being with the greatest submission and Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servant
George Dawson.

Deve Cotah
Octobr. 18th. 1753.

No. 189.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Accompanying this comes the Books of this Settlement Ending April 1753. Affairs between the Rajah and Nabob are as far as ever from being accommodated. The Latters forces a few days since made themselves Masters

of Salinga Fort. They have some time past taken possession of all the Country belonging to the Rajah on this side of the River and have given very fair promises to the Weavers &c that none should Malcot them but they do not choose to trust them and many of them have moved off with their Effects into the Ellore Country. The Moors are making Preperation to pass the River to Attack the forts of Nagaram & Pollewelle and to take Possession of the Totapauk Country.

The Nabob has demanded of me the Rents of the town &c^t^. granted the Compy. by the Rajah but I have put him off by telling him they are not Due till Christmass when I will pay them to the proper persons appointed. I shall therefore be glad of your Honours &c^a^. Instructions relating hereto that if the Troubles should at that time subsist (and there is no great likelihood to the contrary) and the Nabob should Demand payment whether I am to make it to him.

Enclosed Comes the monthly Acc^ts^. of this Settlement and underneath is specified the Account of Cloth on hand. I am.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
8th. Octr. 1753.

At the Wash

L C O	Co.	10 6
L C F		4.14

No. 190.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort
St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour ℔ our Honble Masters Ship Prince George We have received Enclosing Invoice and bills of Lading for the several Military Stores and treasure you was pleased to send us on her which having been all landed the ship will proceed this day on her voyage. Captn. Burman has sent us the Military Paymasters Book for the year 1751 as mention'd in your Honours &ca. Letter the one you have forwarded by Tappies is not yet come to hand.

The Sloop Dragon having been sent to Deve Cotah with Stores is now on her return here as we have full loading for her to go back there again Captains Saunderson & Grant & Mr. Brickenden propose going down on her. We shall send the presents for Major Lawrence by that conveyance & desire Mr Hopkins to forward them by the first good opportunity that Offers.

Lieutenant Revell Informs us that he can supply himself with some Plank by getting a Quantity of the timbers Sawn which your &ct. sent us on the Delawar, this he is oblig'd to do in order to get the Platforms read you of hand & apprehends that should he wait forconveyances from Madrass at this season it would cause to great delay two hundred of those we indented will be sufficient for the Camp with what we can get here but should your Honour &ct. have provided the whole quantity [. . .] pleas'd to send them to us they will be very acceptable as we have large Demands for them.

We now transmit your Honour &ca. our Consultations & Months Accounts for September. You will please to Observe at the foot of the letter that the list of Cloth on hand is the same as it was last month. We are however to

acquaint you that we have a Quantity in the warehouse which the bad weather has prevented us as yet from sorting but it looking fair now it shall be done out of hand sent to the wash and Cur'd as Quick as possible.

FORT ST. DAVID
5TH. NOVEMBER 1753.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Humble Servts.
RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

LIST OF CLOTH ON HAND.

At the Washers	68
At the Beaters	10
At the Dyers	8½
Bales ...	86½

No. 191.

TO THE HONBLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Favour of the 1st. Instant came to hand since our last address to you with Great Satisfaction. We read the beginning of it by which we found your honour &ca. had approv'd of our having discours'd the Merchants in regard to the Investment a Branch the most material of all our Honble Masters concerns for us to give our attention to and which we take leave to assure you We have endeavoured at as far as lay in our Power. We are the more concern'd to find you express so much dissatisfaction at our appointment of Pauparauze Linga Chittys Agent to be a Compys. Merchant. We should not have taken that Step of ourselves had we Apprehended it would have brought your Honour's &ca. displeasure on us but not having incurr'd the like when we took in Negore Kistna the 19th. May 1752 We Were under no Apprehension of meeting it now more Especially as we could not have the least dependance on any of our Merchants for Cloth except Irshippa Chitty & the Person we had taken in giving us the strongest Assurances of supplying us with a Large Quantity in time for the January Dispatch. We hop'd that our accepting his proposals & keeping within the limitation your Honour &ca. had perscrib'd to us of advancing but five thousand (5000) Pagodas at once would have been very Agreable to you but finding it is so much the contrary We shall desist from doing the like of ourselves in Future & as to our Engagements as yet enter'd into with this man We very willingly undertake to be answerable to our Honble Masters for the fullfilling his contract as far as it Extends to the 5000 Ps. advanc'd him and should your Honour &ca. think proper to have his name struck out from the list of our Merchants We shall pay due Obedience to your Orders in regard thereto.

The not having reduced our Merchants Ballances within the Narrow compass your Honour &ca. have order'd us has not been for want of Endeavours as we have frequently call'd upon them for that Purpose & have not neglected either by General Letter or in our Consultations to make you acquaintd with

the steps We have taken with them they have Prov'd ineffectual as yet and we are certain will continue to be so if Cawn Modeliar Govinda Chitty & Tonevaroy Pilla are not us'd with Rigour this you have repeatedly forbid. We are sorry to acquaint you Every other means has been put in Practice & still we cannot get them to bring us Cloth but are continually trifled with by them so that we think it our duty to represent this to you requesting that you would point out some method to us by which we are to act & you will find us glad by embrace the opportunity of putting it in Practice in compliance with our directions.

In regard to what you are pleased to mention of having the Cloth from the Southward brought by land to Deve Cotah and from thence by water here the Depty. Governour assures us he has frequently Purposed it to the Merchants & given them the greatest Encouragement to Endeavour at it though it were but in Small Quantitys but never could prevail on them to do it the People who have assur'd your Honour &c^a^. that it might be affected are either unacquainted with the troubled state of this Country or else have Given you a strong information purposely to make us appear Negligent to you in our Honble Masters concerns.

Since your Honour &c^a^. have wrote us not to advance any more money to the Salem Merchants We shall desist from doing it & as to the reasons for their Cloth being not come in they having been call'd before our board & questions in regard thereto say that the Dolloway has prohibited any cloth belonging to the English from going out of the Place & as far the Excort from Major Lawrence We have heard nothing of it.

We have Acquainted M^r^. Drake with what your Honour &c^a^. say as to Captain Schaub's Rolls he assures us he has Applied Frequently to him for them to no purpose. We have therefore order'd the Secretary to write to him for the third time and what ever answer we shall receive we shall transmit it to you. We cannot say that the Accoutants and Secretarys Business has been carried on with that regularity that we could Wish which is owing to their Want of Better Assistants.

The Washers have been call'd before us & ask'd the Reasons for being so dilatory in curing their Cloth which they say has been occasion'd of late by the badness of the Weather the Question was put to them whether they had been regularly paid to which they answer they have & have no cause of complaint on that head.

The Nabobs Acc^t^. as well of Stores as of advances of money is in hand & shall be transmitted your Honour &c^t^. with all possible Expedition.

We shall observe the directions you were pleas'd to give us in regard to the Supplying M^r^. Cook with Money.

The Dragon sloop is constantly Employ'd in carrying down Stores to Deva Cotah for [. . .] the Demands from Major Lawrence are very large this leads us to request a farther supply of fifty of wax cloth for the use of the camp and to subscribe ourselves with great Respect.

Fort S^t^. David
Novr. 8th. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Hum^ble^. Servants

Richard Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter S^t^. Paul.

N°. 192.

To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort
St. George.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

The Nabobs Acct. from Primo May 1752 until Ultimo September 1753 being now compleated as well for Issues of Stores as for Advances of Money We transmit the same to your Honour &ca. & that you may have no occasion to wait for it hereafter We shall send it up to you regularly with the Months Accounts & have only to add for the present that We are with Perfect respect

Fort St. David
Decembr. 13th. 1753.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

N°. 193.

To the Hon̄ble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

I paid my respects to your Honour &ca. on the 17th. Ultimo by the Sloop Dragon and acquainted you of my having laden on board her 650 Piles for the Presidency and this day came to hand your favour of the 2nd. Instant enclosing Invoice of Military Stores by the Prince George and shall pay due Obedience to your Commands contain'd therein.

It would now afford me the highest satisfaction was it in my Power to transmit the General Books ending April Last but as many adjustments are requisite to be made before they can be clos'd. I must beg your Honours &ca. Permission to defer it till some more favourable opportunity & suffer me at present to enclose only our last Month Papers.

Mr. Dawson has deliver'd over to me an Acct. of Stores Remaining in this Settlement Which has been Interchangably sign'd by us, and set out from hence on the 5th. Instant for the Presidency conformably to your Honours &ca. Orders.

I am with the Great Respect
Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servant
Charles Hopkins.

Deve Cotah
7th. Novr. 1753.

N°. 194.

To the Hon̄ble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

This serves to enclose your Honour &ca. the Accounts of this Place for last Month nothing further occurring I remain with the Greatest Esteem

Bandar Malanka
Novemr. the 4th. 1753.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & most
Oblig'd Humble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 195.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed comes Duplicate of my last.

Affairs in this Country still continue to Grow daily worse. The Moors some Days ago burnt a great Town inhabited Entirely by weavers call'd Pyacrow Pettah a little way to the No-ward and our Merchants are under great Apprehensions that several Large Towns of the like People in this Country will undergo shortly the same Fate Plundering and Exactions are exercised by both Partys as they Prevail which has Oblig'd many wealthy Merchants to leave this Country and retire to the S°.ward. If the troubles do not quickly Subside nothing can prevent the entire ruin of this Country. The Merchants have refused taken any further Advances as they say they can't with any Security trust it in the Country. A few days past the Rajah was join'd by another N°.ern. Rajah by name Narandu with (20000) Men who I hope will Endeavour to Accommodate matters underneath is specified the Acc^t^. of Cloth on hand & I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
27th. Octr. 1753.

At the Wash.

L.C.O.	... ... Co.	78
L.C.F.	... ...	26
I.Z.Z.	... ...	8
	Corge ...	112

N°. 196.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.

President & Govr. &c^t^. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Favour of the 12th. Instant We have duely receiv'd since which we have discours'd the Merchants in regard to the making of an Investment at Deve Cotah & as this is an Affair of gerat consequence & such as your Honour &c^a^. require us to give you our Impartial opinion of We must beg leave to refer you to our next address for our Sentiments thereon Which we shall then transmit you in as full and clear a light as we possible can.

Lieutenant Revell has supplied himself with as much Plank as can be had here the rest he relys on y^r^. Honour &c^t^. for so soon as a proper Conveyance offers for sending it down.

We now enclose the Exact account of the Salt Petre & Bags ℘ Colchester agreable to your directions.

Capt^t^. Poverio begs leave to return your Hon^r^. &c^t^. thanks for the favour you have done him in granting him an allowance of fifteen (15) Pagodas ℘ Month.

The Papers belonging to the Estate of the late M^r^. Byers are ready & shall be sent you by the first good opportunity.

Herewith Comes Enclos'd to your Hon^r^. &c^t^. the Rolls of the English Prisoners at Pondichery since their being first under Confinement agreable to which our Paymaster has discharg'd them Monthly.

The Number of Invalids shall be particularly specified hereafter in the return of our Garrison. You will Please to observe that their Number in September is much less than in August by reason that a party of them were sent to do Duty at Deve Cotah.

Mr. Drake deliver'd us the beginning of this month an Acct. which he has reciev'd from Lieut. Davies relating to the Sum of Four Hundred (400) Pagodas advanced the latter for the use of the Garrison of Trivady. We would not take upon us to pass it without your Honour &ct. permission. We now transmit you a Copy of it & beg to be favour'd with your Orders relating thereto.

A Few Effects of Shaick Husseeins remaining here under charge of our Storekeeper which he has represented to us as decaying daily. We therefore request to know what is to be done with them and are with great respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servants

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBERT SLOPER.
PETER ST. PAUL.

FORT ST. DAVID
21ST. NOVEMR. 1753.

DR.	P.	F.	C.	THE HONBLE COMPANY. CR.	P.	F.	C.
To Cash paid Capt. Chase on Acct. of his Abstract	52	—	—	By Cash recd. of Mr. Thos. Mansell	400	—	—
To Ditto Lieut. Monichen on Acct. of Capt. Maskelynes Abstract ..	56	—	—				
	108	—	—				
To Cash due Ballance	292	—	—				
Total ..	400	—	—	Total ..	400	—	—

ERRORS EXCEPTED ℘ ED. DAVIES.

N.B. The Ballance of this Acct. was in my Escrutore when I was Taken which I believe Capt. Chase Secur'd at the same time he did the Rupees which is mention'd in the other Account.

TRIVADY FORT
APRIL 1753.

No. 197.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

My last bore date the 27th. Ulto. Duplicate of which You have herewith at which time I acquainted your Honour &ca. of the Situation of Affairs. I shall now recount what was happen'd Since Soon after the junction of Narandu with the Rajah an Attack was made on the Nabobs Camp which was soon carried, little or no resistance being made and the Nabob narrowly escaped with his women & a few horse his son in Law & few other Jemmidars were kill'd but I hear of no great Number of the peons & other People being distroy'd. The Nabob made the best of his way into this Country in Order to get

into Rajahmundrum or Peddapore Forts and Arriv'd at the Latter Place about 4 Days ago. The Rajahs are in close pursuit of him & I am just now Inform'd are arriv'd at Sattavaram about 36th. to the No.ward of Peddapore. The Nabobs Intent was for Rajahmundrum but Juggarnautrauze with about (3000) Three thousand Men has Possess'd himself of the Woods that Lay in the Roads from Peddapour to that Place so that he is now hemm'd in that he will find it Difficult to escape. Hussainalley beg on the News of the Nabobs Defeat made the best of his way into Rajahmundrum Fort where he now is. All the Towns the Nabob pass'd through after his Defeat he order'd to be burnt and did Intend (as it is reported) to have made Mundapettah a large Town of Weavers (from which the Major Part of the Cloth came from) to undergo the same fate, had not the [. . .] of the Rajahs in his rear and Jaggarnautrauze in his Front oblig'd him to Desist.

Enclos'd comes Journal Parcells & Cash Account for last month which being all the Material at present I remain

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant

Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
9th Novr. 1753.

At the Wash.

L.C.Co.	100
L.C.F.	27
I.Z.Z.	10
Corge	137

No. 198.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Address to you of the 21st. Inst. we promis'd shortly to give you an Impartial Answer to that Paragraph in your favour of the 12th. relating to the Carrying on an Investment at Deve Cotah and having made the Strictest enquiry in regard to it We are capable of we beg leave to Offer the following remarks to your Honour &ca. Consideration.

On calling the Merchants before us and explaining to them the nature of your Honour &ca. Question they with one Voice declar'd the carrying on an Investment with that Branch of the Business here the reasons they gave for it were these. That if Cloth is provided at Deve Cotah for the Company it must be procured in a great Measure at the same Places that ours is That two setts of Merchants being employ'd for the different Settlements there would very likely arise disturbances between their people at the Weaving Towns each would endeavour to hurt the other and the consequences of such a Contention might be enhancing the Price of the Manufacture. We then put the question to them whether they thought any advantage would arise to our Honble Masters by having the Cloth brought in from the Neighbouring Towns to Deve Cotah and from thence by sea here.

To this they answer'd that the Benefit arising there from might be worth attending to provided there were proper Godowns at Deve Cotah for laying

up the Cloth That in such case the Weavers that live contiguous could carry it from their dwelling Places and Lodge it safely within a few hours after it was made and that by keeping only a small Quantity in their Houses at one time they could readily go with & secure it upon the approach of an Enemy. They further observ'd that as we are now at Peace with the King of Tanjore towns near Deve Cotah (of which we enclose a List) would be a very considerable Advantage as then the charge of a Corge of a Cloth for Carriage would not exceed but rather come with in the sum of one Pagoda & last that the risque being so inconsiderable. The Place is secure as Deve Cotah would not only be against an Enemy but so far Preferable to the Weavers Houses for keeping the Cloth safe from Wet & other danger that if it was made the Magazine for and the Part to convey it from to this Place the Investment might Probably Encrease and the Cloth turn out Cheaper. This is the sum of what we can learn in regard to this Affair and which we take upon us to assure your Honour &ca. We think a fair & Impartial Statement of.

We now enclose your Honour &ca. an Indent of Sundry Civil and Military Stores Which We have great occasion for therefore request your compliance with The Article of Drums should not be Inserted (as you acquainted us sometime since you had none to spare) were we not oblig'd it through Major Lawrences repeated Call for them.

The Account Cloth over and Wanting transmitted us by your Honour &c. being now settled and the Ballance paid in a Copy thereof comes herewith.

Captain Schaub has not sent us his Rolls as yet though our Secretary wrote to him for them three times by our Order.

Mr. Secretarys Du Pre's Letter ℔ Cattamaran We have received five of the Rafts your Honour &c. sent us are arriv'd but two are yet missing with twelve Men one Grapnol & eighty eight Plank.

Our Millitary Storekeeper having acquainted us some time since that there were a number of Gun Carriages &ca. stores very bad & going to a decay he requested a Survey on them. We comply'd therewith and the Report being deliver'd in a Copy thereof accompany's this for your Honour &ca. Inspection. The great Demad there is for Garrison & Field Carriages Leads us to represent to you that these Mention'd as Old & unserviceable would however be of Great use did you Permit us to have them broke up as the Iron work of several is good yet we defer medling with them or the other stores untill we are favour'd with your Directions.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
November the 28th. 1758.

Names of the several Weaving Towns near Deve Cotah.

Worriarpollam.
Sheally.
Ela Patta.
Taka Bair.
Trithempully.
Chillembrum.

Fort St. David
27 Novr. 1753.

Indent for Sundrys Civil and Military wanting for the use of this Garrison.

Bolt Iron		100
Square Bars		60
Rod		10
Steel		10
Sea Coal	Bushels	100
Hand Saws		20
Hand Hatchets		50
Two Foot Rules		24
Gimblets of Sorts	doz.	20
Claw Hammers		36
Hand Vices		12
Screw Plates		6
Hand Hammers		12
Pincers	Pair	12
Rubber Files	doz.	12
Rasps	Do.	2
Lines Deep Sea	Skains	6
Hand	Do.	12
Hambro	Do.	2
Log	Do.	60
Fine Europe Twine	lb.	56
Locks Brass		12
Iron		24
Pad		48
Beak Irons		6
Small Smiths Bellows		4
Tin Plates		200
Anchor's from 4 to 15 Cwt.		12
Crapnels from ½ to 3½ Cwt.		6
Brass Hinges of Sorts	Pair	30
Europe Cartridge Paper	Rheams	5
Three Pounder Round Shott		3000
Six Pounder Round Shott		3000
Flints		2000
[. . . . . .]		6

Peter St. Paul,
Storekeeper.

Account of Goods Over and wanting as ₱ list Receiv'd from the Presidency in their letter Dated ye. 19th. July 1753 now setled as follows Vizt.

Ship Swallow.

	Over. Bs.	Over. Ps.	Wang. Bs.	Wang. Ps.						Over. Pags.	Over. Fas.	Over. Cas.	Wanting. Pags.	Wanting. F.	Wanting. Cs.
Allezars	1	—	—	—											
Sastracundies	—	—	1	—											
Ginghams Chick'd & Red Ground	—	—	1	13											
Sastracundies	1	12	—	—											
Chints Mories Fine	—	½	—	—	@	120			₱ Coe.	3	—	—			

Britannia.

	Over. Bs.	Over. Ps.	Wang. Bs.	Wang. Ps.						Over. Pags.	Over. Fas.	Over. Cas.	Wanting. Pags.	Wanting. F.	Wanting. Cs.
Long Cloth	—	—	—	1	@	48	13	40	₱ Coe.	—	—	—	2	14	15
Sallampores.	—	—	—	2	@	20	18	—	₱ Coe.	—	—	—	2	1	64

WARWICK.

	Over. Bs.	Over. Ps.	Wants. Bt.	Wants. Ps.		Over. Pags.	Over. Fas.	Over. Cas.	Wanting. Pags.	Wanting. F.	Wanting. Cs.
Long Cloth ..	—	—	1	—							
Do.	1	—	—	—							
Do.	—	—	1	—							
Do. Blue ..	—	—	1	2	@ 30 9 ℘ Do.	—	—	—	3	—	72
Do. Do. ..	1	—	—	—							
	513½		5	18		3	—	—	7	17	25
					Ballance ..	Pags.			4	17	35

RICHD. STARKE
for Thomas Cooke
Export W.H.Kr.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL RICHARD STARKE ESQR.
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

In consequence of your Orders Communicated to us the 10th. September by Mr. Secretary St. Paul We immediately enter'd on a Survey of the Stores in the Garrison of Fort St. David beginning with those under the Quarter Master, then the Carriages mounted on the Ramparts and lastly the small Arms. Mr. Merryman having been very Ill since that time has prevented the Compleat Execution of your Orders but least a Delay in not reporting what we have already examin'd May Prove Prejudicial we beg leave to represent the state of the above articles as follows Vizt.

QUARTER MASTERS STORES.

TENTS FIT FOR SERVICE.

Chints Marquee Compleat	1
Officers Marquees Do.	6
Spare Setts of Poles for Do.	11
Bell Tens	22
Company's Private Tents	71
Setts of Poles for Do.	28
Private Tents	30
Setts of Poles for Do.	97
Long Walls for a square	4
Pandaus	1
Old fashion'd Marquee sliding Poles	4
Bamboo Standing Poles for Private Tents	30
Ridge Poles for Compay's Do.	34

PIONEERS TOOLS.

FIT FOR SERVICE.

Spades	270
Pick Axes	711
Do. without Helves	2
Iron Crows	2

Tents.

Unfit for Service.

Chints Marquee with Lining &c.	1
Officers Marque with Lining &c^a^.	11
D^o^. Square Walls	8
Bell Tents for Arms	16
Private Tents	95
Companys D^o^.	46

Pioneers Tools.

Unfit for Service.

Spades	9
Shovels	6
Hand Bills	11

On the Rampart and out Works of Fort S^t^. David.

Gun Carriages.

	Lrs. 42	Lrs. 24	Lrs. 18	Lrs. 12	Lrs. 9	Lrs. 6
Serviceable	2	17	28	5	1	1
Reparable	—	—	4	1	6	—
Unserviceable	—	—	16	14	—	—

Old Arms Wanting either Locks or Stocks.

Pieces without Bayonets	148
Musquets	10
French Pieces	70
Carbines	24
Fuzees	19
[. . .]	48

Besides the Carriages on the Ramparts there are several old ones in the false tray with bread Waggons, Carts Transport Carriages Forges &c^a^. decay'd in such a manner as renders it Impossible to discover their Number or quality. But there is amongst these a great quantity of Tyers for wheels & other Iron wch. might again be serviceable for the same purpose in the Honble Companys Yard.

As soon as Possible We Purpose compleating our Survey whilst submitting this to your determination with Great Respect.

We are
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient & Most H'ble Servants
Lawrence Maeeryman.
John Call.

Fort S^t^. David
November 24th. 1753.

No. 199.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you Purposely to Acquaint you of our having reced. Mr. Secretary Du Pre's Letters of the 26 & 27 Ultimo Enclosing each a Bill of Exchange for ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas which the Agents of Bocunjee Coshee Doss have accepted & We shall give due Credit to Fort St. George for their Amount. We are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedt. Humble Servts.
Richd. Starke.

Fort St. David
Decemr. [. . .] 1753.

No. 200.

To the Honble Thomas Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Not having been favour'd with any Letter from you Since our last only serves to Accompany our Consultations & Monthly Accounts for October.

We are with Great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
December the 6th. 1753.

List of Cloth on Hand.

At the Beaters	10
At the Washers	257
At the Dyers	37
Bales	304

No. 201.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you to acquaint you of our being favour'd with your third Bill of Exchange for ten Thousand (10000) Pagodas which came enclos'd tc us in Mr. Secretary Du Pre's Letter of the 5th. Instant.

All our fine Europe Gunpowder being expended We are to request your Honour &ca. one hundred (100) Barrels as Conveyances offer.

The Blue Dyers of this Place having complained to us that their business is greatly [. . .] of those who are possess'd of Indigo, raising the Price thereof to near double what they used to give which of course causes the Price of Blue dying to encrease in proportion, a matter so material to what

may be term'd a staple of this Place as well as affecting many other branches of Trade, though it a case well deserving our Attention & proper to acquaint your Honour &c^a^. with in order to the taking Such steps as might prevent the same & put a stop to the engrossing that Article, or at least to the Dealers therein Enhancing the Price to what they pleas'd whenever they found it in demand. It is needless to mention how much our Hon̄ble Masters would be prejudiced in the Provision of their Blue Goods should practices of this nature Pass Unobserv'd, or Enumerate the many other evils in Trade occasion'd thereby as also the decrease of the custom's when the staple became fetter'd all which your Honour &c. must be sensibly of. We therefore take the liberty of laying it before you requesting your directions relating thereto.

We are with great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Humble Servts.

RICHD. STARKE.
HUGH NORRIS.
ROBT. SLOPER.

DECEMR. THE 12TH. 1753.
FORT ST. DAVID

PETER ST. PAUL.

No. 202.

TO THE HON̄BLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CT. COUNCIL.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

The respect due to your favour of the 12th. Ulto. I shou'd have offered some time since, if I had not flattered myself with the hopes of being enabled by the time to [. . .] trial: but the roads continue Still so very bad that bitherto it has render'd all intervein with the Merchants impracticable but as soon as that difficulty is remov'd I shall punctually put in execution not only your directions concerning that Article, but to the utmost of my Power shew a ready obedience to every thing else you had been pleas'd to recommend to my Notice.

As nothing more offers of any consequence at Present I shall only beg leave to enclose you the Monthly Papers for November & to assure you that it is with the greatest respect I subscribe myself.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient & most oblig'd
humble Servant
CHARLES HOPKINS

DEVE COTAH
9TH. DECEMBER 1753.

No. 203.

TO THE HONOURABLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

Inclos'd is Duplicate of our last by the Sloop Porto Bello with out Monthly Papers and Abstracts.

We have been unwilling to trouble your Honour &ca. with the disputes between our Nabob and the Rajah Viziramrauze, for as we avoided taking the side of either so we have met with no other inconveniences from their Quarrels but what we felt in our Investment, which was out of all power to help as

it proceeded from their destroying the houses of the Poor Weavers and other Natives in the Country but the differences between these great Men are now come to such a height that we doubt when there will [. . .] will excuse us for troubling you with the following relation.

The Rajah having some Months past open'd a Correspondence with the French at Metchlepatam and by that means to Pondicherry obtain'd Permission to get a present to a very large amount escorted by their people to Sallabad Jung at Hyderabad, this back'd with their Interest obtain'd him in Grant for the Fort of Peddaporam forming the Inheritance of old Timmarauze, But at present in the Possession of our Nabob who without hesitation refus'd to deliver the Fort and very soon after acquainted us with his having receiv'd orders from Court to pay no regard to the Pervannah sent the Rajah and to divest him of all his Titles and Honours, the letter comes enclos'd and long after we receiv'd it, the two armies met which tho' large in Number were so equally bad that they lay in sight of each other many months within ten or twelve miles of us and did little but Rob and destroy the Houses of the poor Large expences and no rents coming, it made money very scarce with each of them; the Rajah found therefore that some thing was necessary to be done shortly and being sensible that some Addition to his force would turn the scale in his favour He dispatch'd his head Braming on an Embassy to Narrain Deira the Rajah of y^e^. Wode [. . .] Country, who tho a mortal Enemy to Viziaramrause for the Ill treatment he had formerly receiv'd when brought upon by this Priest that he immediately march'd his army, and join'd him this was no sooner it done but all the Petty Rajahs left the Nabob and join'd also, which made them so numerous that their Army no sooner mov'd down than the Nabob they gave way. He first retreated to Casimcotah but on Rajahs advancing towards him he caus'd all the Effects of ye. [. . .] to the circar therein. The Rajah made a short stay put an officer and some men in the Fort, and continued to move after the Nabob who is at present at Rajamundrum, and our last intelligence from thence was generally believ'd he would go on to Golcondah.

Your honour &ca. will see by this that the Gentries if they can agree amongst themselves and are determin'd to keep the Country will make a resistance against a large Army of ye. Moors, and as it is little probable that they will easily part with anything so considerable as the Rents of these two provinces we fear this may be the seat of War for some time.

We thought it prudent to avoid as much as possible any Correspondence with these great Men, during the time they were near us, but complaisance made it necessary to do little favours sometimes for each. We have several Wounded people in the Hospital belonging to the Rajah and this made us the more earnestly beg you will order the accompanying List of Instrument &ca. for our Surgeon to be complied with.

When we sent the Nabob the Kisty Money he was pleas'd to promise that he would give us permission to coin Dubbs here, and we had prepar'd a small present which was going to him just as we heard of his defeat. We therefore look upon his Verbal Promise as a sufficient authority and are now preparing to coin the Copper You was pleas'd to send us.

We have had for a long time past had reason to believe the French were dsirous of settling somwhere near us, & that they had an Eye upon Conarra which lays about thirty miles to the Northward, Mr. Pigot therefore requested the Rajah would give him permission to send a few people then which he readily granted, but as we fear'd the Nabob, who was then just at the Northward of it, might be pleas'd we hoisted a flag there. We contented ourselves with watching strictly the motions of any Europeans that way, till [. . .] able opportunity and having [. . .] who are lately come to Brimlipatam and have lent the Rajah some money, were going to see Conarra, We immdiately order'd our Flag to be hoisted, and if you approve will build a small lodge for the Peons there.

It would have been a more agreable subject if we could have wrote your Honour &c^a. that we had been successful in our Investment, but during the troubles, our Merchants could not be prevailed on to venture themselves out of our town So that we have not had five Bales of Cloth brought in this month past; but the two Armies being moved to the Southward our Merchants have sent to buy all possible this way tho' the people are so scatter'd that we fear little can be Got before January; We wont lengthen this with any assurances of our Endeavours either to Increase the Investment; or to keep on good terms with the Government, as we trust your Honour think so favourably of us, as to beleive will make both our study.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obed^t. humble servants
George Pigot
J. L. Smith.

Vizagapatam
22^d. November 1753.

Translation of a letter from Mahomed Mohien Cawn, Bahaudur; Nabob of Chickacull receiv'd 7th. May 1753.

D^r. Sir

I am to acquaint you that Viziaram Rauze Vackeels, by Cunningness made the Nizam comply to give them Peddapuram Fort and to confirm his Titles &c^a. and now upon his Highness being informed otherwise, has been pleas'd [. . .] to Viziaram Rauze &c^a. Rajahs, as soon as I receiv'd these orders, I dispatch'd them to him, and I dont doubt upon his receiving this he is considering many ways to get new friends, and as I am certain that are you was always a well Wisher to the Sircar & I hope you have not forgot how I stood a friend to you in the days of Ramdoss, therefore I must advise you, not to give Ear to the Cunning Councils of the Rajah or his Vackeels, You may'not doubt but your compliance herewith will greatly magnifie your fame in our Kings Sircar I have inclos'd you copy of what the Nizam wrote me & am &c.

Ausuph Dowla Bahadur Phuttazung to Mohomed Mohein Cawn sends Greeting.

I observe what you wrote me concerning Viziaram Rauze shewing you my Purvannahs in regard to Peddaporam Fort Nundaporam &ca. places; Upon Viziaramrauze Vackeels very humbly (with cunningness of heart) begging this favour of me I then complyed therewith, but now; notwithstanding my Purvannahs to him; I desire you will retake this Supurfluous titles the Kittab, Munsub, Taquirs &c^a. and for the future prevent his carrying them. I am surprized, the Rents that he willingly used to pay in Tativorjungs (Nammatulla Cawn) time as now deferr'd; You knowe that he dar'd not to do so in Hassaret Magaferret Munjilluts time (the old Nizam). I therefore desire you will not let him enjoy the renting of Peddaporam any more, but keep it under you till further orders I also desire you will order Nundaporam &c^a. Towns of Rent be taken away from him. I have wrote to him about this, and pray demand the last years debt of him as soon as possible.

I have order'd my horsemen Meernaihendy &c^a. to bring back the Cloaths, Diamonds &c^a. that sent.

Hajaret Nabob Aursuph Dowla Bahadur Phatlaizung to Viziaram sends Greeting.

After your Vackeels coming to me for Peddaporam Fort Nundaporam &c. and my Compliance therewith, its now my will and pleasure that you return them places again with your titles Munsut Hittab Jaguirs &c. I have briefly wrote Mahomed [Meer] Cawn Bahadur about this,and to let you have no more than what is proper, therefore I desire you will hearken to the Nabobs advices and prove a true servant to the Sircar &c^a.

INDENT UTTENSILS AND INSTUMENTS [*sic*] FOR THE USE OF THE HOSPITAL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

1 Bed Pan.
1 Urinal.
1 Hand Sieve.
1 Top and Bottom D°.
2 Pewter Funnels.
1 D°. Glyster Syringe and pipes.
1 Small Ivory Syringe.
1 Pair Crook'd Seizars.
1 D°. Streight D°.
½ Dozen Lancets.
4 Small Incision knives.
Some Pewter measures of sizes.
Some Cupping Glasses.

NOV^R. 1753. JAMES WILSON.

N°. 204.

TO THE HON~BLE THOMAS SAUNDERS ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON~BLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last address We are favour'd with your letter of the 8th. Instant We are sorry to find by it our preceeding in regard to Pauparauze (Linga Chittys Agent) Still meets with your disapprobation. We shall avoid the like in future he has brought in Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas worth of cloth which has induced us to make him another advance of five thousand and to pay off the two thousand (2000) Pagodas the Company was indebted to him. We have likewise advanced Irshappa Chitty Five thousand (5000) Pagodas he having reduc'd his whole Ballance to Eleven hundred; We heartily Wish we could prevail on the other Merchants to Lessen theirs. We are constantly endeavouring at it but to no purpose.

The Nabobs Account shall be transmitted to your Honour &c^a. regularly every Month.

In regard to our writing Assistants those of the Accomptants office attend regularly but the Secretary begs leave to acquaint your Hon^r. &c^a. that he has little or no Help from any of his You are well acquainted how impracticable it is to get Mr. Baird to apply himself to Business he is determind not to do it & though he were of a contrary disposition his hand Writing is such as cannot well be read in a Private letter much less in anything that ought to appar before you, he has earnestly requ[ested] our Secretary to acquaint your. [. . .] Manner of his desire to [. . .] Passage for Europe which by General consent of our board he now does; as to Mr. Charles Saunders he has been for many months much indisposed he is greatly so at present being confin'd to his Bed by an Inflamation of the Liver so that he cannot (tho well) apply himself to a Desk as it would bring on his disorder again. Mr. Greenslate is very capable but Negligent to the last degree it is not in the Secretarys Office only that he has been so, all possible Endeavours have been used to bring him to a sence of his Duty but to no effect. An Unfortunate Attachment to Cuddalore breaks him off entirely from business & when confind to the Fort he says he chuses rather lay down our Honble Masters Service than be under any such restriction, the Secretary therefore requests your Honour &c^a. would please to give him one good Assistant in Lieu of those that are under that denomination at present and then he promises the Business of his office shall be carried on in a manner so as to remove all cause of complaint.

The Effects that did belong to Shaick Hussein shall be deliver'd to whatever person you think proper to appoint for receiving them.

Mr. Norris informs us that when Mr. Cooke left this place the Original Books were very near brought up but the copies greatly behind hand. What has imposed the Ballancling is their Incorrectness & the difficulty of adjusting them with the other Books however he hopes they will be compleated in a few days.

The allowance of Ten Pagodas ₰ Month to the Military Storekeeper shall be Discontinued in future agreable to your directions.

It is some time since the Dragon sloop has been in [. . .] River Repairing she is almost fin [. . .] to Deve Cotah & order her to take in Piles there and then proceed to Madrass directly.

We Are sorry to acquaint your Honr. &ca. that we cannot comply with your Orders for compleating the Survey of the Military Stores as what remains imperfect in the report is only Our Gunpowder which the Committee assures us they cannot Prove until the Weather is alter'd it being too damp at present for an Attempt of that kind however this far they take upon them to say that most of it is unfit for service Especially what came from Bombay & Bengall. Several Tryals heretofore have been made of it when it has been always found good for nothing.

We have no more to add for the present but the assurance of our being with the Greatest respect

Fort St. David
15th. Decemr. 1753.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

No. 205.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Thos. Cooke Esqr. having paid into our Cash [. . .] March last One thousand Pagodas [. . .] Exchange have not been granted [. . .]

One Set Bills of Exchange for one Thousand Pagodas for so much receiv'd here of Thomas Cooke Esqr. the 17th. of March Last for Which Bills have been omitted to be granted him before .. .. Ps. 1000

made Payable to John Smith Esqr. or Order at five days sight.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Richd. Starke.
Hugh Norris.
Robt. Sloper.
Peter St. Paul.

Fort St. David
December the 18th. 1753.

No. 206.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have rec'd your favours of the 9th. & 14th. July, with the Packets you were also so kind to forward us from our Honble Masters, and the Chief & Factors at Anjengo.

In our last of the 26th. August (Duplicate of which is enclos'd) we acquainted you of its being uncertain what Tonnage could be procur'd for the Ships on hand untill we rec'd advices from the which is not yet come to hand, but we do not apprehend that we shall be able to spare you any Tonnage from the small Quantity [. . . . .] houses & the large Demand . . . .

The 30 Bombay Officers & Seepoys at your Presidency, wch. have requested to come away shall if that number of men are wanted, be reliev'd, from hence, but if willing to continue, be wrote off to your Establishment—A Statement of their Pay is inclos'd for Adjusting their Accounts wth. the Allowance to their familys from May 1747 to the last of September 1753.

Please to acquaint us if the Plank you indented for long since & which now lay at Calicut will be sent for, as otherwise we shall dispose of it to the best advantages & debt or credit you for the Difference, it having suffer'd greatly by laying so long there, where we cant be answerable for the care that has been taken of it.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

BOMBAY CASTLE
31ST. OCTR. 1753.

Your most humble Servants
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
J. SEWELL.
JAMES FOULIS.
H. SEDGWICKE.
H. SYMMONS.
J. BYFELD.
THOS. HODGES.
WM. HORNBY

No. 207.

TO THE HONBLE THOS. SAUNDERS ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am greatly oblig'd by your letter of the 7th. November and it is with pleasure I observe that my cloth gave any tolerable Satisfaction. I shall use my utmost diligence to increase the Investment against January, the difficulties I have to encounter are many but as know they cannot now be remedied I shall forbear a Recital of them.

Agreable to the liberty your Honr. &ca. have been pleas'd to give me I have sent people to Metchlepatam to propose the Pardon & Reward to any deserters who shall again return to their colours, but I am doubtful of the success as the Number of Souldiers there does not exceed 50 and those mostly French ours having been sent to Golcondah sometime since.

I ask Pardon for omitting to send the Quick stock of this place wch. slipt my Memory it shall be made up and sent at the close of this month.

Herewith comes the accounts of this Place for last month, & I am with the greatest esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most Oblig'd
humble Servant
JOHN ANDREWS.

BANDARMALANKA
DECEMR. THE 8TH. 1753

N°. 208.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 7th. Ulto, has been duely receiv'd.

The Cloth sent you up by the Don Carlos was all that I was able to procure of that Sortment as I beleive your Honr. &ca. are very sensible of. You are pleas'd to observe that is greatly short of what usually was sent from this Place, and that the reason I assign for it you Imagine must equally effect Mr. Andrews. Permit me Gentlemen in reply to say that I labour under many Inconveniences which my Predecessors never felt, for whilst the French have such large Supplys from the Country Government as it comes so easily to them so they pay very little regard to the Sortment of their goods or either the lengths or breadths & the cloth that I daily Reject is immediately sent to Metchlepatam where it is taken in at the same Price or very little abatement than I give for the very best and as you have order'd me to be very strict in my sortments No great Investment can be made till the french alter their present manner of carrying on theirs. It is most certain that they always took in an Inferiour Sortment to us but never to such a degree as they do now and it is amazing to me how it can Answer to them in Europe.

Your Honour &ct. Remark concerning the Advices sent you of the state of affairs in this country that the [. . .] differ'd from those sent you by the [. . .] Metchlapatam which was antedated [. . . .] to say in reply that three days in such affairs very often bring about great changes and the event has shown that I did presume to trouble your Honour &ct. with every idle Tale I heard but had sufficient Grounds for what I wrote.

Your Honr. &ct. orders to prevent persons from quitting their stations at the Subordinate Fortress without adjusting their accounts with the [. . .] strictly complied with.

Enclos'd comes Journall Parcells & the Account for the last month & Underneath is [. . . . . . .] the Account cloth in hand & I am

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
6th. Decr. 1753.

At the Wash.—

L.C.O.	.. ..	154	17
L.C.F.	.. ..	40	13
F.Z.Z. (S.F.)	.. ..	15	18
Corge.	...	211	8

N°. 209.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders
President & Govr. &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This waits on you by the Schooner Charles which I have dispatch'd Express to you with the following Advices Last night the Rajahs Hurcarra arriv'd with me and brought me a letter from his wherein he informs he had rec'd orders from Salabad Jing to obey Monsr. Bussy the Commander of the

French Troops at [. . . . .] Nabob of this having granted him [. . . . . . .] Ellore Rajah Mundrum [. . . . .] join with him in any opposition that might be made against him on that account and that he should pay no regard to Jaffier Alley Cawn the former Nabob as he was no longer so in his letter (Copy of which is sent inclos'd) you will please to observe, he tells me to look after the places I have Possession of which pres[. . . . .] from the Earnest desire the French [. . . . .] some time to be masters of [. . . . .] they would cut off all our intercourse [. . . . .] Monsr. Pannon Chief of Narsipore expected every day at Rajah Mundrum to take Possession of that Fort after which it is thought he will go to the N'ward to take Possession of the rest in the Country.

Being in want of some Scarlet for my Annuel Presents shall be obliged for 10 pieces of at the return of the Schooner as also for some Math: Underneeth is Specifid the Account of Cloth on hand & I am.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Foss Westcott.

Ingeram
24th. Decr. 1753.

Embal'd At the Wash.

L.C.O.	.. ..	63	Co.	79
L.C.F.	.. ..	10		3
F.Z.Z.	.. ..	1		10
	Bales..	74	Co.	125

No. 210.

To the Honble Thos. Saunders Esqr.
President & Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In some former letters I acquainted yr. Honour &ca. of the many Attempts the French have continually been making to interupt our Business wch. have hitherto been unsuccessful. I am afraid they have at last Struck the Grand Stroke for that purpose for I am just now inform[ed] from Viziaramrause that Salabat Jing has Given Monr. Bussee, his Cowles for Ellure Raja Mundrum and Chicakull Countrys (Copy of wch. Cowles he has likewise sent me). Monr. Moracin is preparing to set out for Rajahmundrum and order to take the Possession the Iterruption [*sic*] that will unavoidably follow to our Business this Way occurs to naturally for me to say any thing. The Melancholy & Defenceless condition I am in gives me no room for thought but I perswade myself you will take the affair into your immediate consideration & Enable me by your advice and Assistance to act in such manner as m[ust] be most for the interest and Credit of the Company.

I am with the Greatest esteem

Your most obedient & most Oblig'd
Humble Servant
John Andrews.

Bandar Malanka
Decemr. the 1753.

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